

House Passes Federal Education Bill

By Stan L. Hastey
WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. House of Representatives has passed an education bill which provides for passing state prohibitions against aid to nonpublic schools.

The new measure authorizes an expenditure of more than \$18 billion and extends for four years the major provisions of the elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Under the bill, which passed by a

380 to 26 vote, the U. S. Commission of Education is empowered to provide funds for disadvantaged children attending nonpublic schools in states which have laws prohibiting such aid.

During the House debate on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1974, an amendment to the so-called "bypass" provision was passed. The amendment, proposed by Rep. Lloyd Meeds (D-Wash.), included three provisions:

—The amendment insures that the criteria for furnishing programs and services to educationally deprived children attending nonpublic schools shall remain the same as the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

—The amendment makes clear that there would be no cutoff of that portion of federal funds to be used for public school children when the commissioner chose to invoke the bypass.

—The amendment provides for administrative and judicial review in states where the bypass might be invoked.

Two other amendments, which would have deleted the entire section of the bill dealing with funds for nonpublic schools and the bypass provision, failed to muster enough support to reach the House floor for votes.

Another major feature of the new bill is an anti-busing provision which prohibits virtually all school busing designed to achieve racial balance. Under the measure, enforced busing would be forbidden except in extreme conditions. When employed, busing would never be beyond the school closest to the pupil's home, according to the amendment.

The new education bill, which came to the House floor from the Education and Labor Committee, chair-

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V-P Ford To Speak At Laymen, Ministers Meeting In Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. — Vice President Gerald R. Ford has accepted an invitation of the Brotherhood Commission to speak at a breakfast June 14 at 1,500 Southern Baptist lay people and their ministers at the Statler Hilton Hotel in Dallas.

Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention agency in Memphis, said the Vice President agreed to launch a workshop on "The Challenge of Christian Involvement" with a breakfast address.

The workshop, sponsored by the Commission, mission education agency for 461,080 Baptist men and boys, will cap a week-long series of related Southern Baptist meetings in Dallas.

The main meeting, the 117th session of the Southern Baptist Convention, is expected to attract 20,000 messengers from 50 states to Dallas June 13-15.

Emphasizing the address will be non-political, McCullough said he invited the Vice President because "I believe he is a leader who can challenge Christian men to become involved in the great issues of life."

"The people who seem to know him best — his family and political leaders of both parties in Congress where he served 25 years — attest to his keen desire to support truth."

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Cooperative Receipts Up 7.5% For Year

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first three months of this year, through March, totaled \$1,526,003, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, Executive Secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$107,067 or 7.5 percent over the \$1,418,936 given the same period of 1973, Dr. Kelly added.

Receipts for March totaled \$377,283, a decrease of \$46,382 or 10.9 percent under the \$423,665 given in March of last year.

Citywide Jackson Easter Service Slated

As the Easter Season approaches, the Jackson Jaycees are again making plans for their annual sunrise service which will again be held at the Mississippi Memorial Stadium on Easter Morning April 14 at 7:00 A.M.

This service has grown over the years since the Jackson Jaycees have been sponsoring it.

For the past several years the Jaycees have been fortunate in being able to bring outstanding speakers in as guest speakers for this service, having had Grady Wilson of the Billy Graham team as well as Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus of the Bellevue Baptist Church.

Since having Dr. Wilson in 1972, the Jackson Jaycees have been spearheading a group which is working toward having the entire Billy Graham team back in Jackson for a Crusade in 1975 or 1976.

Once again this year the Jackson Jaycees have been successful in getting an outstanding speaker, namely the Reverend Bill Glass of Dallas, Texas.

Bill was born in Texarkana, Texas and graduated from Baylor University in 1957 where he was All South West and All American.

He played professional in Canada for one year, then for the Detroit Lions and the Cleveland Browns. At

Cleveland he was All-Pro defensive end and in 1964 the Cleveland Browns were the NFL Champs.

They were the divisional champs in 1965 - 1967 and 1968. In June of 1969 after 22 years of football — 10 years as an amateur and 12 years as a pro, Bill Glass retired and is now a full time evangelist. He is the author of five books.

Get In the Game, Stand Tall and Straight, My Greatest Challenge, Don't Blame the Game and Positive Power for Successful Salesmen (co-author).

He has become known as an evangelist in headgear and shoulder pads. John Underwood, writer for "Sports Illustrated" puts it this way: "Bill Glass has been known to raise knots on halfbacks on a Sunday afternoon and goose pimples on his congregation on Sunday night." Billy Graham, who wrote the introduction to his book Get In the Game, says, "Bill Glass speaks frankly and pulls no punches. He knows young people." He has played before thousands.

The crowds in his interdenominational crusades often run above 10,000 and have been above 13,000.

The Jackson Jaycees extend a welcome to all denominations to attend this service as it is open to everyone. The service will end in plenty of time

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Officers for the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention for the coming year elected at the training conference at Camp Garaywa were from left, (seated): Sandra Oliver, Mississippi State University for Women, secretary; Sam Sumrall, MSU, vice-president; Conrad Howell, Wm. Carey College, president; Earl Bowie, USM Executive Committee; Brenda Crockett, Delta State University, Executive Committee. (Standing): Edlie Golden, ECJC Executive Committee; Cornell Daughtry, Mississippi Delta Junior College, Student Director Adviser; Dr. James L. Travis, Blue Mountain, Faculty Adviser; Rev. Ralph B. Winders, Jackson, State Baptist Director of Student Work. (Not shown is Dr. Bill Baker, Clinton, pastor-advisor).

Howell Named President Of Student Convention

Conrad Howell, of Pontotoc, a student at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, was elected as president of the Mississippi State Baptist Student Convention at the annual Leadership Training Conference held at Camp Garaywa last weekend.

He succeeds David Jones, a student at Mississippi State University.

Other officers elected were: Sam Sumrall, Mississippi State University, vice-president; Sandra Oliver, Mississippi State University for Women,

secretary; Earl Bowie, University of Southern Mississippi, Executive Committee; Brenda Crockett, Delta State University, Executive Committee; Edlie Golden, East Central Junior College, Decatur, Executive Committee; Cornell Daughtry, Mississippi Delta Junior College, Moorhead, Student Director Adviser; Dr. Bill Baker, Clinton, Pastor Adviser, and Dr. James L. Travis, Blue Mountain, Faculty Adviser.

Rev. Kermit McGregor, of Hattiesburg, told the conference at the opening session Friday night that "We have to admit that the average person in our country has plenty to live on but nothing to live for."

Mr. McGregor, pastor of the Hub City's Temple Baptist Church, speaking for "For This Cause," continuing, said:

"As a beaten boxer, society swings at the blows of unseen forces. Battered creatures buckle beneath the pain of demonic pressures."

"However, the frustrated questioner 'Lord, to whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life.'"

"Most of us are like the dog chasing the rabbit. The rabbit was running for his life but the dog's excuse for not catching the rabbit was that he was just running for fun."

"Few people realize that the race of life is a life and death 'track meet.' If we did I am persuaded that we would be participants instead of spectators."

"Jesus said 'For this cause came I unto this hour.' It is in consideration of 'this cause' that we are here."

"Every Christian is to denounce his authority and declare that Jesus is (Continued On Page 2)

Day Camp Workshops Set For Spring

GA and RA workers will want to attend one of the Day Camp Workshops sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Departments this spring.

Information about preparation and presentation of the day camp unit will be given by Miss Waudine Storey of the WMU Department and Paul Harrell of the Brotherhood Department.

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SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Ahead Of Last Year

NASHVILLE (BP) — Contributions through Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program of unified giving through March are running more than 12 percent ahead of contributions at this point in the 1972-73 fiscal year.

Southern Baptists have contributed \$1,950,333 in undesignated giving through the Cooperative Program for 1973-74, compared to \$1,837,075 last year, according to figures released by John H. Williams, director of financial planning and assistant to the treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

That is an increase of 12.15 percent. Designated giving for the year to date, Williams said, totals \$21,631,776, or some 12.57 percent ahead of \$19,217,044 given at this point last year. Total giving, designated and undesignated, through March, is 12.37 percent ahead of last year. So far this year, Southern Baptists have given \$40,582,109, as compared to \$38,114,719 last year.

Although overall contributions increased, giving in March, 1974, showed a decline over giving in March, 1973, in all categories.

Williams reported \$2,553,209 in undesignated Cooperative Program giving this March, \$3,921,903 in designated giving and \$6,575,113 in total giving.

All these totals ran from 3.33 percent to 3.92 percent below comparative figures last March.

Williams said March, 1974, showed a decline because two state conventions sent their Cooperative Program checks too late to be included in the totals.

Don't You Remember What He Told You... That He Would Rise Again The Third Day?



EASTER EVE

John 20:10-17

From The Living Bible

Mary had returned to the tomb and was weeping outside crying. And as she wept, she looked in and saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying. "Why are you crying?" the angels asked her. "Because they have taken away my Lord," she replied, "and I don't know where they have put him." She glanced over her shoulder and saw someone standing behind her. It was Jesus but she didn't recognize him. "Why are you crying?" he asked. "Whom are you looking for?" she asked. "The risen Jesus," he said. "If you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him." "Mary!" Jesus said. She turned toward him. "Master!" she exclaimed. "Don't touch me," he cautioned, "for I haven't yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them that I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God."

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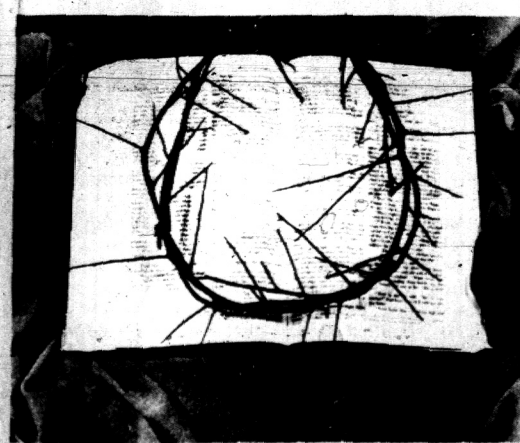
PASSOVER — THE LAST SUPPER

Mark 14:17-25 & John 13:34

From The Living Bible

On the first day of the Passover, Jesus arrived with the other disciples, and as they were sitting around the table eating, Jesus said, "I solemnly declare that one of you will betray me, one of you who is here eating with me." A great sadness swept over them, and one by one they asked him, "Am I the one?" He replied, "It is the one of you twelve eating with me now. I must die, as the prophets declared long ago; but, oh, the misery ahead for the man by whom I am betrayed. Oh, that he had never been born!" As they were eating, Jesus took bread and asked God's blessing on it and broke it in pieces and gave it to them and said, "Eat it — this is my body." Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it and gave it to them; and they all drank from it. And he said to them, "This is my blood, poured out for many, sealing the new agreement between God and man. I solemnly declare that I shall never again take wine until the day I drink a different kind in the Kingdom of God. And so I am giving a new commandment to you now — love each other just as much as I love you."

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GOOD FRIDAY — THE CRUCIFIXION

John 19:16-21 & Mark 15:33-39

From The Living Bible

Then Pilate gave Jesus to them to be crucified. So they had him at last, and he was taken out of the city, carrying his cross to the place known as "The Skull," in Hebrew, "Golgotha." There they crucified him and two others with him, one on either side, with Jesus between them. And Pilate posted a sign over him reading, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." The place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and the signboard was written in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, so that many people read it. Then the chief priests said to Pilate, "Change it from 'The King of the Jews' to 'HE SAID, I am King of the Jews'." About noon, darkness fell across the entire land, lasting until three o'clock that afternoon. Then Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" ("My God, my God, why have you deserted me?") Some of the people standing there thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah. So a man ran and got a sponge and filled it with sour wine and held it up to him on a stick. "Let's see if Elijah will come and take him down!" he said. Then Jesus uttered another loud cry, and dismissed his spirit. And the curtain in the Temple was split apart from top to bottom. When the Roman officer standing beside his cross saw how he dismissed his spirit, he exclaimed, "Truly, this was the Son of God!"

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EASTER — THE RESURRECTION

Luke 23:50, 55-56 & Luke 24:1-9

From The Living Bible

Then a man named Joseph, a member of the Jewish Supreme Court, from the city of Arimathea in Judea, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. As the body was taken away, the women from Galilee followed and saw it carried into the tomb. Then they went home and prepared spices and ointments to embalm him; but by the time they were finished it was the Sabbath, so they rested all that day as required by the Jewish law. But very early on Sunday morning they took the ointments to the tomb — and found that the huge stone covering the entrance had been rolled aside. So they went in — but the Lord Jesus' body was gone. They stood there puzzled, trying to think what could have happened to it. Suddenly two men appeared before them, clothed in shining robes so bright their eyes were dazzled. The women were terrified and bowed low before them. The men asked, "Why are you looking in a tomb for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He has come back to life again! Don't you remember what he told you back in Galilee — that the Messiah must be betrayed into the power of evil men and be crucified and that he would rise again the third day?" Then they remembered, and rushed back to Jerusalem to tell his eleven disciples — and everyone else — what had happened.

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Church In Vietnam Calls Land Purchase A Miracle

SAIGON, Vietnam — A sudden breakthrough in a long struggle will enable Trinity Baptist Church here to move out of the renovated missionary's home where the congregation has been meeting since the church was started 14 years ago.

The church has purchased a lot on Cach Mang (Revolution) Avenue, a street that begins at Saigon's airport and runs to downtown. Southern Baptist missionary Mrs. Rondal D. Merrell said it's an ideal location because every foreigner coming to the city must travel on that street.

With United States military personnel present in Vietnam during the last decade, the church thrived, becoming known as the church with the warm spirit where miracles happen, reports Mrs. Merrell whose husband is pastor of the church. The miracles were usually the kind reflected in transformed lives.

When the servicemen left in 1973, attendance dropped and the remaining members wondered about the church's future, even though departing military men and civilians sent gifts back to breach the gap. The ministry of the church was directed more towards families, and members were concerned about not having adequate facilities. Educational space, recreation and fellowship accommodations and parking facilities were especially needed.

A Vietnamese language congregation was also formed in conjunction with the church, but in 1969 they purchased their own facilities with the help of Foreign Mission Board funds. Trinity also received a board grant but found that land purchase was blocked at every turn, according to Mrs. Merrell.

With land prices soaring, even with the board grant and a \$45,000 building fund, they couldn't find a permanent site they could afford. Several times they were disappointed when legal problems developed when a transaction reached the final stages.

When the opportunity to buy the Revolution Avenue property came at a price the church could afford, members couldn't believe they really had the money for that particular choice.

"Why did the owners decide to sell suddenly after adamantly refusing through the years? Only God knows," said Mrs. Merrell. The purchase is expected to be completed by moving possibly by December, members and former members are

matching faith with gifts to build facilities which will stand as a monument to the worship of God in a country where only a quarter of one percent of the people are Christians, Mrs. Merrell said.

JERUSALEM, Israel — A Mayor Teddy Kollek's request, repairs to the Baptist House damaged by arsonists on Feb. 11, are being made by the City of Jerusalem at the city's expense. Charles C. Worthy, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, said that Baptists in Jerusalem and other parts of Israel are continuing to do their part to foster goodwill and understanding. Scores of calls and remarks of sympathy have poured in to the Baptists from all walks of Israeli society, according to Worthy. "The arson has provided a 'backlash of goodwill,'" he said.

Drought In Kenya

NYERI, Kenya — Northern Tanzania and Kenya have experienced a severe drought for the past few months, according to two Southern Baptist missionary press representatives.

Mrs. Douglas M. Knapp, missionary to Tanzania, reports that cattle and wild animals alike are dying from starvation and lack of water and carcasses of dead animals can be seen along the highway between Arusha and Nairobi.

Shortages of corn, wheat and rice are becoming more apparent in both countries while Kenya has made it an offense to export any of those items. Prices of food have sky-rocketed. In Nairobi, there is a ban against washing cars and water is available only at certain hours in Nairobi homes.

Kenya has some hope though. Mrs. R. Jay E. Stewart, missionary to Kenya, reports that a heavy rain fell here recently. A small fifth-grade girl explained to her that "I talked to God" about the need for rain.

Tanzania, however, has received no substantial rain and the David Whitsons, missionaries in Lindi, Tanzania, have reported severe shortages of basic foods in their area and some deaths due to malnutrition.

The Convention President Speaks

On Friday, March 29, I had the privilege of attending a committee meeting that manifested as much excitement as I have experienced in a long time. It was the original steering committee for the restoration of Gulfshore. When I shared with them how close we are to our goal, it was almost like an electric shock went through the group. Then we discussed what we could do to push right on over the top and get started to work. I believe in the near future, we shall be able to make the announcement of victory.

Many of you will receive a letter from me in the next few days, sharing with you the news and request. I do hope you will become a part of a victorious team and respond to my proposal.

At this point, I would like to make an appeal to our laymen. We need your help in two ways. One, check to see if your church has agreed to participate. If not, you will want to speak a good word on behalf of an extended arm of your church. Two, consider making a personal contribution beyond that of your church. Some churches have felt that they could not be a part of this special drive because of what is done through the Cooperative Program. Well, the Cooperative Program is certainly the life-line of all we do and I want to commend every church that places emphasis on this program. It was agreed in the beginning that this was to be over and above the Cooperative Program; however, we have to have the over and above to ever get the facility. We do not have anything like enough in the budget to take care of the initial capital needs; therefore, I hope that all of us will do more for the Cooperative Program, but also make a contribution to our assembly restoration. — David Grant.



Meet These Leaders at the Last Two of Four Area Man and Boy Rallies

SPONSORED BY BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

April 12—First Church, Newton—April 25—First, Wiggins

Each Rally to begin at 7:00 p.m. with supper. Make advance reservations with church for supper.

Meet Mrs. Robert Smira—

The New State WMU President

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
As a member of Woman's Missionary Union, or as the husband or brother or son or daughter or pastor of one, you are interested in the new state WMU president. What is she like? What kind of organization does she have in her own church?

In the first place, Frances Smira has for 15 years been WMU director at First Church, Jackson — a church that has had a full-time WMU director on the staff for 42 years. The present membership of 500 in Baptist Women (not counting youth organizations), with average attendance of 250, shows that the long-time full-time directorship has paid off. (Mrs. Georgialene Carothers for 25 years and Mrs. Joe Odle for two years preceded her as WMU directors.)

With that many members, it could be safe to say they have the largest WMU in the state. "Maybe the largest in the world," Mrs. Smira laughs. But adds on second thought, "Probably Texas has something bigger."

Also, Frances Smira has never been a member of any church other than First, Jackson. At the age of 12 she made a profession of faith and was baptized by the pastor, W. A. Howell. Through the years, her other church home has been the First Baptist Church, Jackson, and First Church, Jackson.

Born in Louisville, Kentucky, she moved to Jackson with her parents, H. Turner and the late Mrs. Turner, when she was nine months old. She graduated from Central High School and attended Mississippi College. Her father still lives in Jackson. Her only sister, Mrs. H. L. Harrison, is a resident of Clinton.

Incidentally, her election in Starkville to the state WMU presidency came only a week and two days before her thirtieth wedding anniversary. She and Robert Smira were married in her Jackson home on April 5, 1944.

They met in a telegraph office. From Chicago, he was working in Madison with the Mississippi Institute of Aeronautics, and she was employed by the telegraph company. When a telegram got lost and he came to see about it, and she wired for another copy, their romance began. Mr. Smira is now a technician with the Mississippi Air National Guard.

They have two children, a daughter and a son. Marty — Mrs. Richie Perkins — lives at Moss Point, and Bob lives in Florence. There are two grandchildren — Marty has a girl and Bob has a boy.

From her earliest years, Mrs. Smira has been a part of the activities connected with Woman's Missionary Union. She began as a member of Sunbeams, then was in GA and YWA. When she was a bride she joined a WMS circle for newlyweds. Miss Almarie Brown had just organized this circle.

For a while she was state worker with Sunbeams (now Mission Friends). And since 1959 she has been WMU director of First Church.

On the state WMU board she has served as associate district director and as district director. Though presiding at the annual WMU Convention is a big job in itself, I am sure

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Baptists here observed the 125th anniversary of the Jamaica Baptist Union at the recent annual meeting with a historical drama by missionary Dutton L. Mills. Clarence Edwards was elected president of the union; a Christian education manual was adopted; a national crusade effort, "Christ, the Only Way," a student center ministry at a Kingston college and a Thanksgiving Endowment Fund for future Baptist expansion were launched, and a set of locally prepared Sunday School lessons to be produced in the near future were received. The assembly also heard a report that 1,000 persons have been baptized.

Evangelism Project Takes Pastor To Rhodesia, Africa

Two Wichita Falls, Texas, Baptist leaders — one a former Mississippian — were selected by the Foreign Mission Board for a mission to Africa. Rev. Luther Slay, pastor of Faith Avenue Church, Wichita Falls (and former associate pastor at Broadmoor, Jackson), and one of the church's deacons, E. R. Childs, are conducting WIN seminars and schools in Rhodesia, March 18 through April 14.

They conducted schools for lay people in Salisbury, Rhodesia; each evening for two weeks and held leadership training seminars for missionaries and national pastors during the day. (If visas could be obtained they were also to visit neighboring Uganda.)

The trip was arranged by Dr. Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism and church development, FMB.

Mr. Slay, a native of Tchula and graduate of Mississippi College, has held several pastorates in this state. He is married to the former Jean Gordon of Cruger. His wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt Gordon, are active members of the Cruger Church.

Mr. Slay has an outstanding WIN program in his present pastorate at Faith Avenue.

While in Southwestern Seminary

surrendered for foreign missions. "But I already had a family and it included a teen-ager," he explained, noting that Foreign Mission Board regulations prevent families with teen-age children from going to foreign mission fields.

He recently addressed two meetings sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas — the annual Evangelism Conference, and a WIN Leadership Training Seminar in First Baptist Church of Dallas; on what the WIN program has done for Faith Avenue Church.

Motor Homes Featured In New Free Film

"The Peaceful Invasion" is the title of a new 16mm-sound and color film which shows what happens when over 1500 motor homes hold their convention in a little town — to everyone's delight. This outstanding documentary depicts the unique lifestyle of families who live in and enjoy their fun wheels.

This 22-minute film is available on free loan to colleges, community, church and general adult groups and television stations throughout the country. Distribution is being made by Modern Talking Picture Service.

"The Peaceful Invasion" was produced by Avco Productions for the Family Motor Coach Association.

Modern Talking Picture Service, 2323 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, N. Y. 11040.

Radio Spots Win Awards For Baptist Agency

FORT WORTH (BP) — A series of Independence Day radio spot announcements, produced for Baptists by the radio department of their Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, have won a citation from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge (Pa.) for "outstanding accomplishment in helping achieve a better understanding of America and Americans."

The series of spot announcements, endorsed by the Religious Heritage of America before they were released to more than 700 radio stations in 1973, featured historic events, linked with scripture commentary from The Living Bible (paraphrased).

"The spots were designed to help radio stations observe Independence Day in a patriotic manner," observed Edwin Malone, the commission's vice president, radio services.

V-P Ford

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ed by Rep. Carl D. Perkins (D-Ky.), must now survive what is expected to be a difficult battle in a conference committee with the U. S. Senate.

A major Senate education bill, which has yet to come before that body, differs widely from the House-passed measure. The Senate version does not include an anti-busing provision and has been threatened with a veto by President Nixon if passed without it.

The Senate version, however, does call for bypass provisions in funding programs for disadvantaged children attending nonpublic schools similar to those approved by the House.

Calvary, Hattiesburg To Present Live Easter Story

BORN AGAIN, an original dramatic musical, will be presented by the Hallelujah Players at Calvary Church, 1208 East Hardy St., Hattiesburg, April 13 and 14 at 7 p.m.

Based on the Gospel accounts of the Lord's Supper through the Resurrection, "Born Again" relies heavily

1992 — First U. S. Gasoline Auto: In September, tool and bicycle makers Frank and Charles Duryea, of Mass., made first gasoline automobile in U. S., testing it indoors for fear of ridicule. In 1893, Henry Ford road-tested his first successful automobile.

on the Scripture. The relevance of the Scriptures is dramatized by the twentieth century mob who convince Pilate to turn Jesus over to them.

The Crucifixion of Christ reaches its full impact as each cross and man is raised into position.

The Resurrection is presented by the simplicity of John's Gospel. Mary Magdalene having seen her Savior in the garden, testifies that He is risen and He is Lord.

The Hallelujah Players include approximately forty young people and adults who have joined together to share Jesus in this special way.

The pastor of Calvary Church, Rev. Emmett Boone, invites the public to attend.

Loneliness

By J. N. Triplett, Minister of Pastoral Care, First, Jackson
"... the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29).

In the poem, "The Creation," James Weldon Johnson imagines God to have said, following the construction of the natural world, "I'm lonely still; I'll make me a man." Designed to keep fellowship with his Creator, man finds himself lonely when he parts company with God.

Webster's unabridged dictionary defines loneliness as "the fact or condition of being alone." Two nurses at the University Medical Center were writing a paper on the subject, discussed it with me, and came up with this: "The state or condition of the real or imagined absence of a supportive presence." This definition can point us to the inner strength afforded only by the Spirit of God.

Causes of loneliness are numerous. Two are mentioned. Isolation. Elijah departed the company of the committed, separated himself from those who believed in Jehovah, and went solo. The warmth of Carmel's fire cooled, and the apparent reversal of the prophet's fortunes sent him off to be alone.

Dejection is the natural fruit of isolation. Elijah seemed to be the victim of self pity when he said to God, "... I, even I only, am left (1 Kings 19:10). He was pulled up short by the information that seven thousand others had not bowed to Baal.

Association with his Creator in hearing the voice and heeding God's instructions, started him back on the upward path. Food for body and spirit were given to prepare the prophet to work. Princess Wilhelmina of the Netherlands wrote of war and flood, "Over the infinity of night and water, over all the suffering that was hidden in the darkness, I saw a soft and kindly Light in my mind's eye. It signified to me that there is One who never forgets His children."

Participation in the daily amenities of life propels man upward from despair. Becoming a part of the mainstream, though realized by small steps, he realizes that in giving he does receive. The inner relation to God in Christ is a liberating influence. He finds peace in praying with St. Francis of Assisi, "O Lord our Christ, may we have thy mind and thy spirit; make us instruments of thy peace."



Ventriloquists Rehearse For "Spring Splendor"

Rehearsing their ventriloquist act for "Spring Splendor" with director Larry Black are Paula and Pam Box of Moore, Oklahoma. The girls, who have performed for high school and church groups across the country, are presently students at Mississippi College and members of the Revelation at First Church, Jackson. They and their "friend" Lester will be performing along with the Revelation on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the City Auditorium in Jackson. Tickets for "Spring Splendor" are \$2.00 for adults—\$1.50 for students and may be purchased from the Music Department - First Baptist Church - Box 1158 - Jackson, Mississippi - 39208.



Religious Bestsellers

1. DAKTAR, Olsen
2. THE BECOMERS, Miller
3. THE TOTAL WOMAN, Morgan
4. IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES, Rutledge
5. SOMEONE CARES, Rice
6. A NEW JOY, Evans
7. THE HIDING PLACE, ten Boom
8. TO RULE THE NIGHT, Irwin - Emerson
9. THE FAT IN IN YOUR HEAD, Shedd
10. THE RICHEST LADY IN TOWN, Landorf

BIBLES AND REFERENCE BOOKS

1. THE LIVING BIBLE, Taylor
2. HALLEY'S BIBLE HANDBOOK, Halley
3. NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION, New Testament
4. EERDMAN'S HANDBOOK TO THE BIBLE, Alexander
5. STRONG'S CONCORDANCE TO THE BIBLE, Strong

PAPERBACK BOOKS

1. THE HIDING PLACE, ten Boom
2. THERE'S A NEW WORLD COMING, Lindsey
3. THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH, Lindsey
4. THE WAY, Taylor
5. SATAN IS ALIVE AND WELL ON PLANET EARTH, Lindsey
6. THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY, Christenson
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Day Camp Planned During SBC Sessions

DALLAS (BP) — A mission day camp for children of messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention will be held here June 11-13, 1974.

The camp, open to children 6-11, will be conducted at White Rock City Park under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and Texas Baptist Men.

Youngsters attending the camp will take part in mission games, sports and crafts and meet Southern Baptist missionaries.

Registration fee for the mission day camp will be \$2.50 per day or \$5.00 for all three days. The fee includes bus transportation from the Dallas Convention Center, insurance, supplies and lunch.

Jerry Bob Taylor, Royal Ambassador consultant for Texas Baptist Men, will direct the camp. W. L. Colquitt of Dallas is the local coordinator and Jay Chance of Memphis, director of the commission's Royal Ambassador division, the SBC coordinator.

"Children will enjoy an unusual mission experience under trained leadership while their parents are free to take an active part in convention sessions," Chance said in explaining day camp benefits.

"We also hope the presence of the camp will encourage parents who normally stay at home with their children to bring the youngsters and attend the convention."

House Passes - - -

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and individual integrity. "Even his political opponents in Congress have repeatedly expressed their admiration for his honesty and candor."

"At this time in history, I believe this Episcopal layman has something to say to Baptist laymen who want to get involved and still maintain high standards of honesty and integrity."

McCullough said the workshops should hold keen interest for lay people.

Prominent figures in the Southern Baptist denomination will lead two-hour conferences in at least 10 different areas, he said.

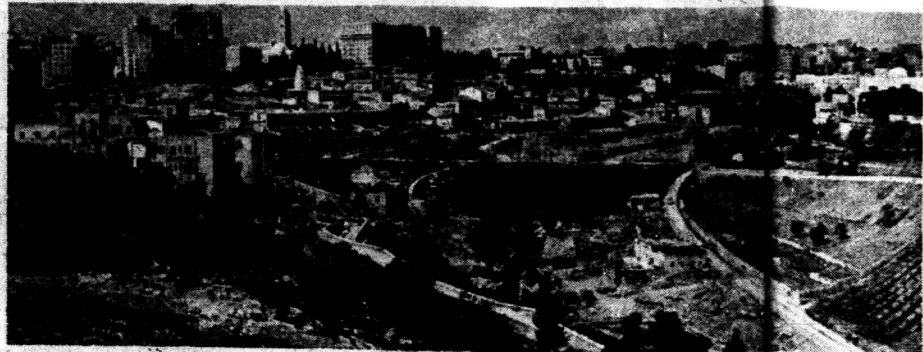
They include lay renewal, opportunities for lay people in the denomination, work with aging, short-term mission opportunities in the United States and overseas involvement in mission action, involvement of lay people in government, and financial involvement in the denomination.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5.00 each. They are available from the Commission's Memphis office. They also will be sold at the Commission's booth in Dallas Convention Center during the SBC meetings, McCullough said.

A Visit To The Holy Land-4



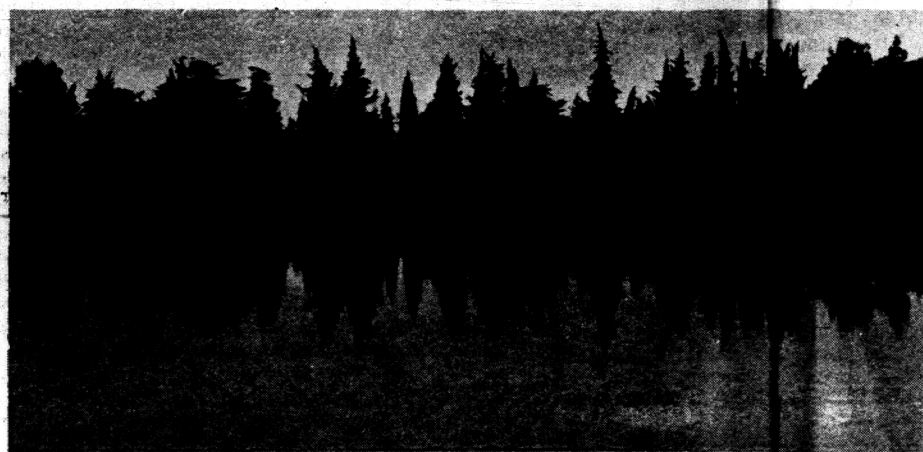
Jerusalem is seen from the Mount of Olives. Mosque of Omar in center occupies temple area of Christ's day. Temple of Solomon, second temple and Herod's temple (Christ's day) stood here.



Building development is seen underway in western part of Jerusalem.



Imposing view of Garden of Gethsemane with Kidron Valley in foreground and Mount of Olives in background.



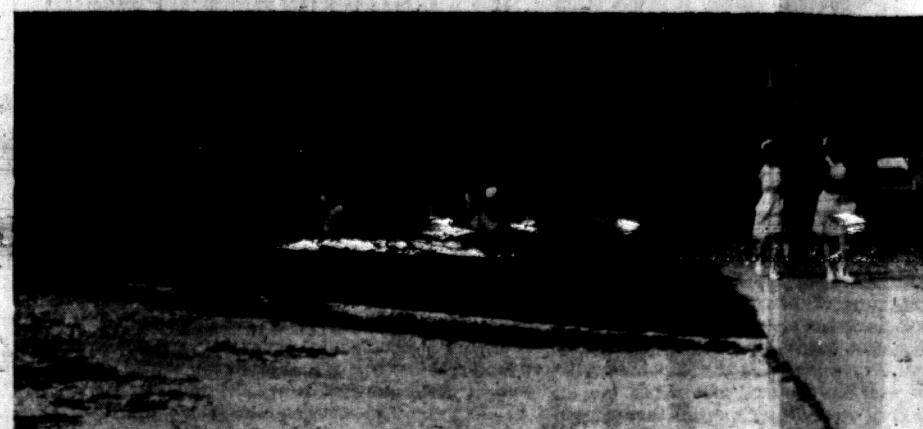
One of the Pools of Solomon, near Bethlehem, provides part of water supply for Jerusalem.



Missionaries are seen at hospital in Gaza. From left: Thomas S. Adkins, administrator; Lynne Abney, student director; Mrs. Merrill D. Moore, Jr.; Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Jr.; Edward Nicholas, evangelist. (Not present were Dr. and Mrs. Roy McGlamery of Mississippi.)



Grave of Missionary Mavis Pate, who was shot by a sniper on Gaza Strip in 1972. Grave is on grounds of Baptist Hospital at Gaza.



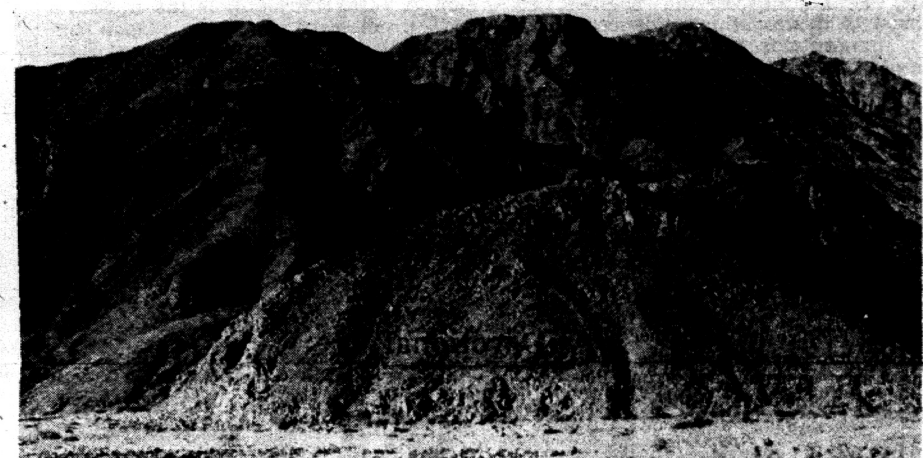
Two nurses are seen walking across grounds of Baptist Hospital at Gaza.



Menorah, Israel national emblem, stands near Government Building, (the Knesset) in Jerusalem.



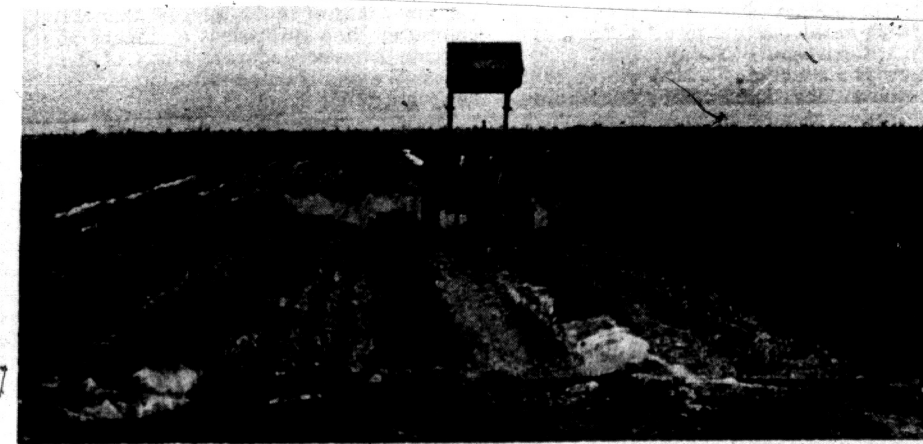
Jewish men pray at Wailing (Western) Wall, the ancient Western Wall of temple area, dating back to time of Herod's temple, and with some parts to Solomon's time.



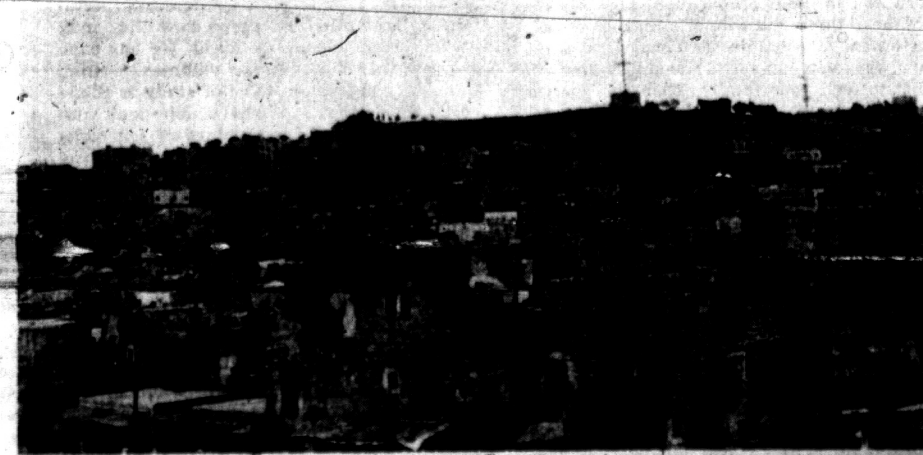
Sinai Mountains in Southern Israel show rugged terrain found there.



A camel comes into view near Red Sea, with Sinai Mountains in background.



Farming operation is viewed in desert near Dead Sea.



Closeup view of Hebron, a typical old Arab town. (All photos by Julian Pentecost.)

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EDITORIAL

The Central Doctrine Of Christianity

The foundational and central doctrine of Christianity is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. Without it the claims that Jesus Christ is the Son of God are groundless. Without it the death on the cross is nothing more than the martyrdom of an aspiring leader. Without it the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning Christ are meaningless literature. Without the resurrection Christ's own words concerning it are the boasts of a deluded zealot. Without it the testimonies of the apostles and disciples were lies, merely the ravings of blinded fanatics. Without it Christianity is nothing more than a religion of moral precepts, without life, without hope, and without spiritual reality.

No fact of history is more indisputably proved than the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Men who are willing to accept proof by the ordinary laws of evidence, must concede that there is no question that Jesus Christ was raised up bodily. There were more than 500 witnesses to his resurrection, all of whom had known him intimately, and who declared that they had seen him, walked with him, and talked with him. Some of them had eaten with him and had seen the nail prints in his hands. There were many other proofs. The empty grave with no plausible explanation; the undisturbed grave clothes, through which the body simply had passed without unwrapping or moving; the effect on the disciples; the centrality of this witness in the early church; and the inability of the enemies of Christ to destroy this evidence: all of this proves this greatest fact of history, "Christ is risen from the dead."

This is not the teaching of resurrection conceded by the modernist, who admits that Christ lives, but denies a bodily resurrection. Such is a meaningless doctrine, for all of the prophecies, all of the claims of Christ, and all of the doctrines of the New Testament concerning salvation, judgment and the future, depend upon the bodily res-

urrection. Nothing else makes Christianity the distinctive religion that it is. It stands alone among all of the religions of history. None other has a pre-existing, virgin-born, Son of God, who lived among men as the Son of man, died on the cross, conquered the grave, returned to glory, and is coming again, to rule as King of Kings and Lord of Lords forever and ever.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead: He is "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Rom. 1:4) In the resurrection God reveals the "working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set at his own right hand in the heavenly places." (Eph. 1:19b-20) Christ was "delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification." (Rom. 4:25) "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . but every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." (1 Cor. 15:20,23) God hath "appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (Acts 17:31). These are a few of the great truths concerning the resurrection. Many more could be presented since it is central in all the New Testament.

This then is doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is the message to be proclaimed each Lord's Day. This is the message of Easter, although Easter is not mentioned in the Bible. (The King James version in Acts 12:4 mis-translates the word "passover" as Easter.) Christianity has made Easter a great day of the Christian year. This is especially true in the liturgical churches. It has become one of the central days of the year for them. There is, however, no Bible command or example that such a day as Easter

should be observed. Of course, neither is there a command for observing Christmas.

Most Baptists do not place great emphasis upon Easter although most Baptist churches use the day to preach and teach the resurrection, since the world is thinking of this glorious truth on that day, and it is always fitting to preach this doctrine on any Lord's day. Moreover, many Baptists attend special resurrection morning services, or in other ways observe the day. Despite the criticism of some that this is merely following a heathen custom, in truth it is not that. It is simply the response of Christian hearts to the most glorious truth of the Christian message. Christians should not make too much of any mere man appointed day; they must never make too little of a glorious doctrinal truth.

It is well for Baptists and all other Christians, to proclaim the glad news of the resurrection, not only on Easter, but also on every other Lord's day of the year.

"Christ the Lord is risen today: Hallelujah!"
—Reprinted from Baptist Record, Apr. 15, 1965

"The Exorcist"

Few moving pictures of cinema history have created the sensation aroused by "The Exorcist," a film that is reported to be breaking box office records, and is affecting viewers as few movies ever have done.

According to reports the picture is scheduled to run in Jackson this month, a run which already may have begun.

I shall not see it!
And while my word probably will make little difference to those who are determined to see the picture, I suggest to Christians, young and old, that they will do well to stay away from it.

There are several reasons for this position:

First of all, though publicity already has been released concerning the picture, through reviews, news stories, etc., to make clear that it includes horror scenes, violence, obscenity, pornography, and false religious concepts. Even if it contained some redeeming feature, which it evidently does not, why should any Christian want to wade through filth, violence and false teaching in order to get a little good?

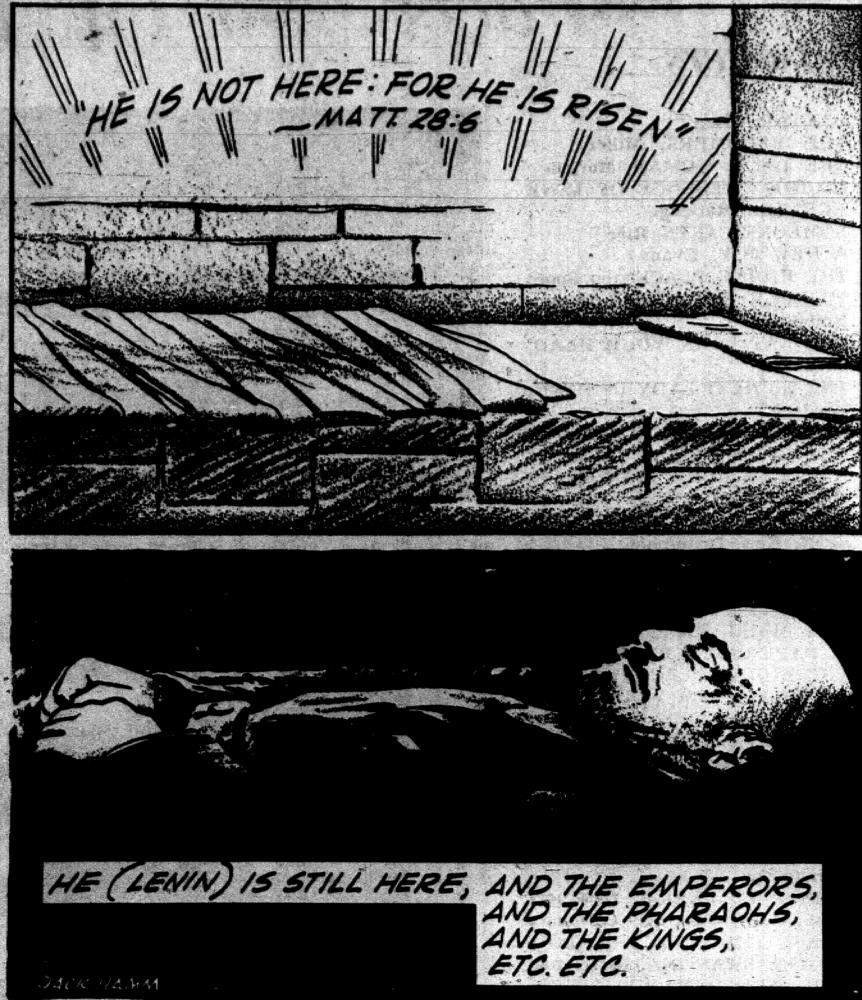
In the second place, according to the reviews, a false concept of spiritual things is presented in the picture, and the viewer can receive a distorted and even completely erroneous view of spiritual truths. Certainly we do believe that Satanic forces are at work in the world, and that they can affect individuals. The way of victory over them, however, is not the means reportedly shown in this film. The Bible reveals the ways of victory over Satanic and demonic activity, but this picture is not based upon them.

A third reason for not seeing the picture, is that I do not intend to give Satan the opportunity to do to me through the picture, what he evidently is doing to many of those who see it. Disturbing reports come of the effect of the picture on viewers, wherever the picture is shown.

"The Exorcist" may be shown in Jackson, but it will be without my approval. If I had the power to keep it out I would use that power, not because I want to censor what Mississippians are allowed to see, but because it is an evil force which can blight and hurt our community and state.

I have no authority to stop the picture, but I certainly will not give it my endorsement by seeing it.

ONLY ONE EMPTY TOMB



THE BAPTIST FORUM

Believes Results More Important Than Methods

Dear Editor:
HOW DO YOU EAT YOUR CAKE?

That's a way-out question to consider. I've noticed that our two children, given a piece of cake topped with a delicious icing, take differing approaches to the task of eating it. One of them prefers to eat just the cake and leaves the icing to eat last, while the other one eats the icing first and leaves the cake to eat last. Personally, I prefer to eat a little icing with each bite of cake.

Now, who is to say which is the best way to eat that piece of cake and icing? And, is the procedure or method of eating more important than the eating? Here is where many of us have hang-ups in church programming. We get so up-tight about HOW something is being done that we totally ignore the fact that a task is eventually completed.

Identify me with whatever generation you choose, but I say that the results are far more important than the methods — provided the methods are honest and fair, legal and ethical, moral and scriptural, and bring glory and honor to our Lord.

Billy Ray Miller, minister of music
Morgantown Church, Natchez

Rating The Sermon

Pastor Wilbur Rees of the First Baptist Church in Pocatello, Idaho, thinks there is some merit in the movie rating system and suggests it might be adapted to sermons as a kind of "early warning" to help the member decide if he will get out of bed on Sunday morning. Something like this:

G — Generally acceptable to everyone. Full of inoffensive, puerile platitudes such as "Go ye into all the world and smile" and "What the world needs is peace and motherhood." This sermon is usually described as "wonderful" or "marvelous."

M — For more mature congregations. At times this sermon even makes the gospel relevant to today's issues, in subtle ways, of course. It may even contain mild suggestions for change. This sermon is generally described as "challenging" or "thought provoking," even though no one intends to take any action or change any attitudes.

R — Definitely restricted to those who are not upset by truth. This sermon "tells it like it is." It is very threatening to the comfortable. It is most often described as "disturbing" or "controversial" and usually indicates that the preacher has an outside source of income.

X — Positively limited to those who can handle explosive ideas. This sermon really "socks it to 'em!" It is the kind of sermon run out of town, and set things up for the stoning of Stephen. It is always described as "shocking" or "in poor taste." The minister who preaches this sermon had better have his suitcase packed and his insurance paid up. — Grace & Life

On The MORAL SCENE...

TAX PROFITS UP — Business Week magazine reported America's big corporations recorded \$59.9 billion in after-tax profits in 1973, a spectacular 25 percent increase from \$47.9 billion the previous record earnings year. In a survey of fourth-quarter and full-year 1973 financial results of 1,200 companies, the magazine found the five industries that turned in the best fourth-quarter profit performance also led the pack for the whole year. The aerospace industry's fourth-quarter profit performance also led the pack for the whole year. The aerospace industry's fourth-quarter profits rose 313 percent over the fourth quarter of 1972. Oil was next with an



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

There is something to be said for warnings. Probably that something is that warnings should be heeded.

Normally, my sleep is deep, sound, and refreshing — getting to sleep is usually a very easy, quick action. Wednesday night, March 20, however, a recurring cough kept me from getting to sleep soundly enough to be unaware that the weather was working itself up into a state little short of frenzy. One of the noises of our nights is the sound of the transport trucks as they make their way up and down the interstate, sometimes requiring gear shifting unless the driver got a running start. As I listened that Wednesday night in a state of semi-sleep, I thought, My, that must be a caravan of trucks. But the slow nearing of the sound made me think, No, it must be some airplanes. Followed visions of the Blue Angels zooming across the screen of my mind. Finally, I came to my senses enough to realize that the noise was different — similar to one I'd heard only a few times — it must be a tornado.

Looking out the window, though I could see that our stately pine trees were not too disturbed, I could still hear that whirring roar, high and distant. When lightning flashed, there was a yellowness in the sky which I remembered from a day of a tornado.

Tired, sleepy, and unconvinced of immediate danger, I crawled back into bed. Soon I began to think I was hearing the civil defense siren but argued with myself. No, I couldn't possibly hear it 'way out here.

All the time the high, distant roar came closer. Finally, it was overhead, still high, reaching low enough only to blow pine cones and small limbs onto the roof. I thought, Oh, the front yard which we just raked will be a mess, and the patio and the driveway, both just swept. Women can be so silly.

Then I knew I did hear the siren, but I lay there — ridiculously unafraid, yet sure of danger — a wind which could swirl itself down into our world at any minute and throw us farther than we can throw Barbie dolls, reducing life to instant grief.

It didn't, but if it had, I would have been the blameworthy one, for not getting my family awakened and to safety. I had warnings — from within and without, from my own knowledge and experience, from the knowledge of others leading to the sounding of the siren.

Yet I did nothing.

I believe that next time I hear a tornado wandering around overhead and hear such warnings being issued, I'll heed them. I really do believe that will be the smart thing to do.

That would apply to other warnings, too, don't you think? — Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

80 percent rise. The metals and mining industry was close behind, up 79 percent, followed by steel, 60 percent, and paper, 57 percent. (AFL-CIO News, March 16, 1974)

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Wednesday, Thursday Or Friday?

The world generally thinks of the crucifixion of Christ as being on Friday, and much of the world today recognizes the Friday before Easter, as Good Friday, the day that our Lord was crucified.

There long have been other views, however, with some believing that the crucifixion was on Wednesday, and that Jesus actually remained in the grave three full nights and three full days, rising sometime after dark on Saturday evening, and appearing on Sunday morning. Books have been written on this, and some strong arguments have been made favoring it, the strongest being that of the Lord's words concerning "three days and three nights." The usual answer of those who accept the Friday date, is that in Jewish usage, a part of a day was considered as a day.

Another view has been that the crucifixion was on Thursday. One of the arguments for this has been that with the Friday date, there is one day in the week (Wednesday) when nothing is said about activities of Jesus. This usually has been explained as a day of retirement and rest.

Now, in the current issue of the magazine Christianity Today (Mar. 29), there is an article, which states that computer developed tables concerning the dates of new moons, upon which the new month's beginning was based, now show that Jesus probably was crucified on Thursday, April 6, in the year 30. These tables which never have been

available before until computers provided them, present proof that Friday, April 7 of that year, was a special Jewish sabbath, and that Christ was crucified on the day before the "sabbaths." The latter word is plural in the Scripture, showing according to this writer that there was more than one sabbath, in this case actually two together, the special one and the regular one. The article also shows that such an explanation, fits in fully with the passover requirement of choosing the sacrifice on the 10th day, and slaying it on the 14th day. In this case the 10th day was Sunday, the day of Christ's triumphant entry, and the 14th was Thursday, the day that Christ, "our passover" was slain for us. The arguments concerning the three days and the three nights is that Christ was crucified on Thursday and was in the grave on part of that day, and that night (1), on Friday and Friday night (2), and on Saturday and Saturday night (3). He thus was in the grave three days and three nights, and rose at dawn on Sunday morning.

These are interesting studies, and certainly it is of much interest that the computer has provided a means of making a more accurate study of the dates. We shall watch with interest to see what other scholars say.

The important thing, of course, is that Christ did rise from the grave, and that he is the living Christ. That is our message to the world, "Christ is risen."

DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMAN FREEDOM by Samuel Fisk (Lafayette, 175 pp., \$3.95) A study of a subject which long has disturbed many Bible scholars and students. How can free will be harmonized with predestination and election? The author who is a Bible teacher, and has been a pastor and missionary, gives a clear biblical interpretation of the truths and shows how they may be both accepted and believed. He has done broad research in many volumes written through many years. Careful study is made of the scripture passages which deal with the subject. Misunderstandings of teachings of outstanding preachers like Spurgeon are carefully viewed. This is a very valuable volume for the preacher and other serious Bible student who is seeking to clearly understand the great Bible doctrines.

THE GHOST OF HAGAR by George Otis (Time-Light Publishers, paper, 126 pp., \$1.95) The author went to Israel during the recent Arab-Israeli War and seeks to interpret that war on the basis of scripture revelation. He shows the position of Israel today and also of the Arabs and the conflict which exists. A readable volume on an up to the minute subject.

THE WORLD THAT PERISHED by John C. Whitcomb, Jr. (Baker, 155 pp., paper, \$1.95) A discussion of the Genesis flood and its effect on the world. The author believes that much of the geologic teaching which is used to deny biblical revelation concerning the creation can be explained by the flood. This is an amazing book presented by a scientist who believes the Bible. It is one of an increasing number of books, appearing today which present the interpretation of great scholars who deny evolution and accept creationism as the explanation of the world and the race.

THE SEARCH FOR THE TWELVE APOSTLES by William Stewart McBride (Tyndale, 311 pp., \$3.95) A study of the life stories of the twelve apostles, and some other New Testament leaders with an effort made to find what happened to them after the Bible story of them ends. The author has followed tradition and historical records as he has sought to provide authentic historical material concerning each of these men. The book is well outlined and indexed so that it will be very valuable for the careful student, but also provides most interesting reading for any Christian.

HOW I FEED MY FAMILY OF FIVE ON \$125 A MONTH by Jean Gaffin (Creation House, \$4.95, \$3 pp.) This is a sensible, realistic how-to-survive-the-70's guide book for housewives. Though it went to the publisher in 1973, when food prices were some less than now, the book is still a no-nonsense book with many tips on saving at the grocery store and in meal preparation. Mrs. Gaffin, mother of three and wife of a teacher of New Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, says you can spend much less than you think to feed your family. Then she goes on to demonstrate, step-by-step, meal-by-meal, for one whole month exactly how it can be done. This is a book most anyone could profit from reading — and following.

THE WORK OF CHRIST CONSUMMATED IN SEVEN DISPENSATIONS by J. B. Gribbs (Baptist Press, 229 pp., \$3.95) One of a volume first copyrighted in 1883. One of the best known works of one of the South's outstanding Baptist preachers of the last century. One may not agree with all of Dr. Gribbs' positions, but he will find rich, Bible based, scholarship here. The book gives a solid study of the prophecies of the Bible. It is a strong meat, but should give better understanding of Scriptural teaching to those willing to carefully study it.

Easter—Facts And Fancies

By Ada T. McCool

There are many conjectures about the origin of the word Easter. According to St. Bede, an eighth century historian, the word Easter came from Eostra or Ostara, a German goddess of dawn or spring. Another thought or surmise is that the word Easter was coined from Eostur an old heathen feast that celebrated the new birth of the spring sun rising in the east. The Bible used the word Easter only one time: Acts 12:4 King James Translation. The Greek word in this instance is a translation of the Hebrew language used to identify the Passover feast. The Passover feast is an annual celebration of the Jews to commemorate the death angel's pass over the houses of the Israelites when they saw the blood of the paschal lamb sprinkled on the door posts. The feast of the passover is symbolic of the feast of the resurrection. . . the feast that those who profess Christianity engage in at Easter.

For many years there was much controversy among pious religious leaders as to the proper time for the observance of Easter. Many of the leaders contended that Easter should be observed on Sunday because that marked the day of the resurrection. During the early years of Christianity, due to the difference in calendars, Easter was observed on the 14th of Nisan (the Hebrew month corresponding to March-April) regardless of the day of the week on which it occurred. Thus the Jewish pass-over feast marked the resurrection of Christ.

In 325 A.D. Constantine I, Emperor of Rome, called a meeting of the council of Nicea to determine a regular time for the observance of Easter. The council voted unanimously for the day to be on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. The date would of course vary from year to year but would fall between March 21st and April 25th.

There is much pageantry associated with Easter festivities. Dyeing eggs and using them for everything from food to decoration and playing games is as ancient as when early Egyptians, Persians, Phoenicians, and countless other races of people began coloring and decorating them to use in their spring festivals. The art of decorating eggs for gifts was practiced by Edward I, King of England (1272-1307). According to old records, he presented members of the royal household with eggs that had been boiled and decorated or painted gold. In addition to adopting pagan and ancient customs of coloring eggs, Americans have gone far afield with creative ideas and for many years have been tinting baby chicks, goslings and white baby rabbits. The relationship of the rabbit to Easter comes from pagan beliefs. They believed that the bunny rabbit always brought a present of a new egg to the goddess Eostra at the beginning of spring; others thought that because the rabbit feeds at night, and that he was born with his eyes open he is symbolic to an ever watchful god and the continuity of life.

There are many superstitions related to Easter: butterflies are likened to christianity on the assumption that the caterpillar stands for life, the cocoon signifies death, and the emergence of the butterfly portrays the resurrection. The owl is considered to symbolize those who prefer darkness rather than light because he too is a lover of darkness. It is said that a robin plucked a thorn from Christ's brow and in so doing his breast was stained with blood, hence the reason for all robins having a red breast. If the wind is from the east on Easter morning it is considered an immunity to disease for one to draw water from a well and bathe the entire body. There is no power in Easter water to prevent illness unless the wind is from the east as the water is being drawn. There was a superstitious idea among pagan youth and the elderly alike that new clothes at Easter was a good omen for success throughout the year; this is possibly responsible for the custom of Americans who believe that a new outfit at Easter is a must.

From fanciful to factual, today throughout the world the celebration of this eventful occasion is concurrent with the day and time set by the Nicæan council. The manner of festivities varies according to locality and culture. Different cultures express their feelings of joy in the way that is most meaningful to themselves. Christians everywhere are jubilant with song and praise as they assemble in sanctuaries, in shrines, in open air arenas, and in pilgrimages through the Holy Land to commemorate the greatest of all fetes. . . the resurrection of Christ. Many people, of many different beliefs trek annually at the Easter season to the sites where Christ appeared at the time of His arrest, His trial, and His crucifixion, and at last to the empty tomb where he won the victory over death.

Sensational rituals are observed in some Catholic vesper services early on Easter morning. Blessings of the Easter fire is portrayed by extinguishing all lights in the sanctuary to be relighted with new fire: Persons bearing a triple taper representing the Holy Trinity lead the procession into the sanctuary where the paschal candle is lighted immediately. The blessing and lighting the candle symbolizes

the body of Jesus and the return of the light to the world when he arose.

The Easter vigil of the Greek church is very impressive: the priest and entire congregation march around the church holding lighted candles, upon approaching the closed front door which represents the tomb of Christ. The priest makes a sign of the cross with his hand and the door swings open. The congregation sing in unison "Christ is Risen" the church bell rings and bright lights flood the sanctuary as the worshippers enter.

At New England Colleges, students gather in large groups for Easter sunrise services. They gather on mountain tops, in parks, beside lakes or anywhere there is an unobstructed view of the morning sun as it comes over the horizon. One of the most spectacular sunrise services is observed from the natural temple formation known as the Garden of the Gods which is part of the municipal park in Colorado Springs Colorado. The Garden of the Gods is formed of grotesquely shaped rock of red and white sandstone. At the entrance to this area, large red masses of sandstone rise to a height of 350 ft. Thousands of people from western states travel miles to see the sun flash its radiant light against the magnificent natural formation, and to hear peals of majestic music played by invisible

musicians, as it permeates the place with sacredness.

Color is added to American Easter festivities as throngs of humble folk and curious spectators gather at Bethlehem in Pennsylvania, and to the historic little brick church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina to celebrate the old world customs practiced by the Moravian church. The life of Christ is portrayed daily during the week of Easter celebrations. A ritual known as "God's Acre" is a sacred and sentimental event. During the dark hours of morning, just before dawn, worshippers grope along a path-way by torchlight as they mount the hill to "God's Acre." Atop the hill they stand among the graves of their beloved dead singing praises to God as the sun rises and drives away the gloom of darkness bringing renewed hope and a deeper gratitude for the resurrection truth.

While meditating on all of the peculiar idioms and customs of Easter, it would be well to remember that it is not the flowers, nor the eggs, chicks, and bunny rabbits, neither is it fine clothes and church parades, rituals of past centuries, nor today's celebrations that makes Easter a hallowed or holy day. It is the fact that our faith leads us to believe. . . "Because I live, ye shall live also" (John 14:19).



'Last Supper' Comes To Life

MINNEAPOLIS — Leonard da Vinci's "The Last Supper" was one of eight art masterpieces brought to life as "living pictures" during a Lenten series at the Richfield United Methodist church in Minneapolis. — (RNS Photo).



Wilt Thou Remember?

I came from far for thee,
In love the long way down;
I left My throne for thee.
I wore a thorn-set crown.
All this I did for thee!
Wilt thou remember Me?

I bore the sins for thee.
Wept tears of deepest woe;
I bore God's wrath for thee
To make thee white as snow.
Could love do more for thee?
Wilt thou remember Me?

I tasted death for thee.
Bore shame thy sins had wrought.
My life laid down for thee
To thee Life endless brought.
What is My death to thee?
Dost thou remember Me?

I gave Myself for thee
My all was freely given
Thy Bread of Life to be.
Thy Manna come from heaven.
All this I am to thee.
Eat and remember Me.

I drank thy cup for thee.
Thy cup of pain and tears.
My hands have filled for thee
My cup of sinless joy.
Of blessing full and free.
Drink and remember me.

—In The Builder, Druid Hills, Atlanta

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'He Is Not Here; He Has Risen'

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome encounter an angel in Jesus' tomb on the first Easter morning. (RNS Photo)

About the Christian Message: I am glad I did not invent it, and hence it is not my responsibility to defend it. My only task and privilege is to tell you that God Himself said so and says so until this day. — Barth

Things I Love

I love the smell of coffee in the morning
The hushed stillness of the sun's rays penetrating the crisp air
I love to see the sun set over the river
With the blues, pinks and lavenders of the sky
The leaves yellow, brown and red in autumn
The smell of leaf fires in the air
The warm fireside when snow is falling outside
The white shiny diamonds of the beautiful snow in the sun.
Church on Sundays, singing in the choir
Feeling close to God and heaven in church
The sweet little boys and girls just learning to walk and talk
God's little angels—the tiny babies
The secure, wonderful feeling at home and family at the end of day
Old Glory shining over the courthouses of our land
The majestic creatures God gave us
The millions of God's creations in our flower gardens
The color, sizes and shapes of vegetables and fruits we eat
The trusting hand in yours of your little son, daughter or grandchild
The Bible, God's word, the Book of the Ages
The Star Spangled Banner and the bands marching by
A serviceman in uniform proudly defending our free country
Visits with loved ones separated from us by space
All these are the things I love, and to Thee, O God, my grateful thanks
to be a part of your world.

—Ruby M. Randall

Thursday, April 11, 1974

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Missionaries On Furlough In Mississippi

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

In the missionary home of First Church, Clinton, Dorothy Gilbert was cooking empanadas stuffed with cheese. "I'm practicing for the Missions Fair at Queens' Court," she said, "but the cheeses here are not like the ones I use in Ecuador." The ones she used were definitely tasty, though, served with Sprite.

Jimmy arrived home from Clinton High School and parked his bicycle in the front hallway.

Through the door of a bedroom, huge cardboard boxes were visible, stacked one on top of the other. "Just as soon as we get here we started packing to go back!" laughed Mrs. Gilbert. She and her husband, James Pascal Gilbert, were appointed missionaries to Ecuador in 1957 and went to Quito following language school in Costa Rica.

This time they came to Mississippi for a furlough of only four months. (Missionaries now may choose the four, six, or eight months furlough or the year-long one.) It had been thirty months since they were here before. Their first furlough was in New Orleans, their second in Jackson, and their third in Newton.

They are returning April 15, so this week marks the close of their four months in the States. Since they are changing fields when they go back, they had many items to buy. These were packed in the large boxes and sent on ahead.

Though they will still be in Ecuador, they will be in a different section, and in a much less civilized area. While they have been living in the cool mountains, they will now be closer to the jungle and will need a different type of clothing because of the heat. Mr. Gilbert buys all his clothing in the States. His wife buys some clothes here and some in Latin America.

New oil fields have recently been developed in Ecuador. Coca, the village where the Gilberts will be working, has become accessible because of roads the oil workers have built. For years the area — not too far from Auca land — could only be reached by river. Now at least 30,000 people have taken advantage of the oil field roads to move in, claim homesteads, and build bamboo houses.

No mission work has been carried on there, so the Gilberts feel that they have a great opportunity, and are excited about the undertaking. In the village there is no electricity or running water. Therefore, the mission-



James And Dorothy Gilbert

aries have bought Tupperware in which to store staples — for they will have no electric refrigerator. They have bought a milk pasteurizer, and wash-and-wear clothing.

The afternoon that Mrs. Gilbert was practicing her cooking for the Missions Fair, her husband had gone to buy a sawmill to ship to Ecuador. Baptist missionaries in that country have been trying to encourage the laymen in agricultural projects. She said that in the more primitive areas they do not have sawmills, but dig a hole, stick the log into the hole and then hack it with rude tools into "planks."

A couple of weeks later, mission booths were set up here and there on the grounds at Camp Garaywa. The most heavenly odor was drifting around in the warm spring afternoon: Mrs. Gilbert was cooking again, and all the GA Queens were gravitating toward her booth. This time her empanadas (fried pies) were stuffed with ground beef, English peas, and carrots. While she fried the samples in an electric skillet, her husband was busy answering questions about items on display — a fur hat, a wicker fan, beads, Ecuadorian money, etc.

Besides packing and cooking and answering questions, what else have they been doing on furlough? Speaking at the WMU Convention; speaking at local churches; attending First Church Clinton when they happened to be in town; taking part in two world missions conferences (one in Monticello); showing slides to WMU groups; speaking many times during the Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer; showing slides in chapel at the Baptist Building; giving a slide presentation to the sixth grade at Clinton Middle School (Mrs. Gilbert said she would like to speak to more children's groups in schools); and trying

to find time to see their many relatives. Since their furlough this time was so short, they have not had much time for the latter.

One thing that missionaries on furlough do is "catch up" on medical care and dental work.

The energy crisis has affected missionary speaking engagements to some extent. When gas stations were closed on Sundays, and the missionaries were going to a distant part of the state, they would need to leave early Saturday, in order to fill up with gas that afternoon for the return trip.

For leisure time activity, the Gilberts most enjoy taking a trip together with the whole family. That was not possible this furlough either, due to its brevity. However, their daughters came to Clinton for a visit and they were all together for a time. Jean, the oldest, is a student at the College of Charleston, in South Carolina. Her husband, Thomas Hicks, is in the Air Force. Patricia is a senior at Mississippi State, majoring in social work. Jimmy is a junior in high school.

The Gilberts were serving the pastorate of First Church, Clara, when appointed by the FMB. Both are graduates of Clarke, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He served in the U. S. Merchant Marine 1944-46.

Born in Memphis, one of five children, Mrs. Gilbert is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin R. Smith who live near Europa at Mathiston. Her father, now retired, was associational missionary for Webster County, and is still pastor at Reed's Chapel.

Mr. Gilbert is the son of Mrs. Martin Gilbert and the late Rev. Martin Gilbert. His father was for many years an associational missionary in different sections of the state, and was for a time Secretary of the Department of Rural Church Work, Miss. Baptist Convention Board. One of his brothers, John L., is a pastor, and was until just recently pastor of Westview Church, Jackson. Another brother, J. T., is a Jackson therapist and his sister, Mrs. Charles Ray, is missionary to Thailand. His mother lives in Jackson.

Southern Baptist missionaries began work in Ecuador in 1950. The Baptist Convention of Ecuador was organized in 1972. There are 27 Southern Baptist career missionaries in the country, four missionary associates, and two missionary journeymen. This republic, named for the equator which crosses its northern provinces, is about the size of Arizona.

Ecuadorian pastors hope to double the number of Baptist congregations and church members in the next five years, a goal set at a national pastor's retreat recently at the La Merced Baptist Retreat. The goal, an increase from 1,727 church members in 58 congregations in 1973 to at least 4,000 in 116 churches by 1978, is a result of studies in church growth and evangelism led by Miguel A. Veloz, a Guayaquil pastor, and Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary. The Gilberts will work hard, I'm sure, to help reach that goal.

Adios, amigos, y te Dios bendiga.

Mary Magdalene's Journey To An Empty Tomb

It was as yet still dark,
On that first day of the week,
When Mary Magdalene went
The body of Jesus to seek.

As she carried spices
Her thoughts lingered upon
Who'd roll the stone away.
And lo! she found it gone!

Then to Peter and John she ran:
"They've taken him away!
Where to — I do not know."
They were filled with dismay.

Back to the tomb she went
To where her Lord had been,
And stood outside and wept,
Her heart breaking within.

She looked inside and there
Were two in white array.
They said, "Why do you weep?"
"My Lord," she sobbed, "they took away."

She turned around and saw
That someone stood out there;
Of him she would inquire—
The garden was his care.

He said to her, "Woman,
Why are you weeping so?"
Between her sobs He asked,
"Whom do you seek to know?"

It was Jesus himself!
But through her tear-filled eyes,
And thinking He was gone,
She did not recognize.

"Tell me where you took him,"
She looked back to the door,
"And I'll take Him away."
Her tears they fell the more.

"Mary!" he called to her;
She quickly turned around.
"Master!" she fled to him
In joy before not found.

He bade her not to touch
For he must first ascend;
Then news he gave to her
No words can e'er transcend.

"Go tell my brethren that
To my Father I go,
And to my God and yours;
I'd like for them to know."

She told the news to them:
"The Lord I've seen and he
Has spoken all these things
This very day to me."

Claim him as your Master,
As Mary did so long ago;
Then serve him day by day
Wherever you may go.

—Victoria Singley

The Easter Lily's Proclamation

Sharp winds blow
upon the world's troubled face. . .
Yet an Easter lily breaks
out of dark earth
grows in regal beauty,
proclaims rebirth with trumpet
of chaste white petals,
symbolizing Resurrection Day,
when Jesus rose from death's cold tomb,
the Living Christ!

—Eunice Barnes

I am the Resurrection and the Life; he that believeth in Me though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. . . For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 11:25-26 — John 3:16)



"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain. . . Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever (Revelation 5:12-13). (RNS Photo)

Day Camp Workshop

(Continued From Page 1)

In addition to the unit presentation, Nilon Elliott of the Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be presenting "Basic Skills in Day Camping."

On Saturday, May 4, a workshop will be held at Camp Garaywa. The Saturday workshop has been planned so that Acteens leaders and members as well as Pioneer leaders and members might attend the workshop to gain knowledge useful for SMAY (Summer Missions Activities for Youth).

The meetings have been scheduled for various sections of the state—plan now to attend the workshop.

April 29—10-12 a.m., First, Holly Springs; 7-9 p.m., Harrisburg, Tupelo; 30—10—12 a.m., First, Batesville; 7-9 p.m., North Greenwood.

May 1—10-12 a.m., First, Starkville; 2-10-12 a.m., First, Brookhaven; 7-9 p.m., West Laurel; 3—10-12 a.m. Hindsboro; 4—10-12 a.m., Camp Garaywa, Clinton.

Historic White Oak To Build New Sanctuary At Old School

White Oak Church, Smith County, held groundbreaking ceremonies March 31, to begin construction for a new \$125,000 sanctuary and educational building. This will be on school property recently bought across the highway from the present church.

This historic church, organized in 1863, was so named because it was built near the bank of White Oak Creek and a large white oak tree stood near by.

In the 1880's a second church building was erected near the site of the original. Services were held here until 1946 when the church was moved to the present location.

Since its beginning, White Oak Church has had fifteen pastors. One pastor, Rev. Dan Moulder, served for over forty years.

The new sanctuary when completed will seat 350. It will also contain a pastor's study and library. The educational building will have fifteen Sunday School rooms, nursery, fellowship hall and choir room.

Rev. Doyle Caples, pastor, began the groundbreaking. J. L. Wooley, Chairman of the Building Committee and chairman of deacons read from 1 Kings 6:1-12. J. T. Dukes, a senior deacon, led in prayer.

Other members of the Building Committee are Houston Dukes, Clarence Cook, Mrs. Mack Baldwin and Mrs. Elton Canterbury.

West Side, Macon

Plans Sunrise Service

An Easter sunrise service will be held at West Side Church, Macon, April 14, at 6 a.m. Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor, will bring the message.



In background is the old White Oak school building which will be remodeled for educational space. A new sanctuary will be built in front of it. Holding shovels, left to right: J. V. Dukes, contractor and deacon; Rev. Doyle Caples, pastor; and J. L. Wooley, Building Com. chairman.

Microfilm Of Senate Journals:

Memorial Gift Honoring L. V. Young

Dr. David N. Young, a Mississippi College alumnus and current educator in Tennessee, has made a memorial gift to the college for the purpose of purchasing certain microfilms of Senate Journals for use by graduate and undergraduate students in history and political science.

Dr. Young, associate professor of history at Carson-Newman College, made the contribution as a memorial to his father, the late Rev. Leon V. Young, who graduated from Mississippi College in 1921 and was a long-time resident of Clinton. He and his

wife had six children and all are graduates of Mississippi College. Mrs. Young still lives in the family home just north of the campus.

Dr. Ed McMillan, head of the Department of History and Political Science at Mississippi College, said the memorial will allow the college to purchase microfilms of Senate actions from the late 1820's to the 1880's.

Dr. Young received his bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College in 1953 and the master of arts degree in 1954. His thesis dealt with the Whig Party of Mississippi.

Bus Clinic To Be Held In Louisiana

A Church Bus - Children's Church (CBCC) Conference, staffed by specialists from Bring Them In magazine, has been set for First Baptist Church, Lafayette, La., April 22 and 23, according to Perry Sanders, pastor of the host church.

The conference is endorsed by the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

Vertis Butler, a staff member of Bring Them In; Jerry Odom, pastor of First Baptist Church, Galena Park, Texas; and Garland Morrison, pastor of North Main Street Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas will be the speakers. Each man has a highly successful background in church bus ministries.

Registration is open to all churches in Louisiana and neighboring states.

Persons desiring more information may write First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 2518, Lafayette, La., or phone (318) 233-1412.

Silver Springs

Plans Homecoming

Silver Springs Church, Route 1, Oskya, will celebrate homecoming day on Sunday, April 28.

Rev. Elton Moore, pastor of Bethel Church, Brandon, and former pastor of the church, will bring the homecoming message at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be served at the church at 12:30 p.m. The congregation of the church will supply the food.

The afternoon service will include singing and "opportunity for visitors to express their thoughts of being able to attend homecoming." The public is invited. Nursery facilities will be available.

Calvary, Yazoo City

Calls Ben Bennett

Rev. Ben Bennett has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Yazoo City.

Native of Georgia, he served in the U. S. Army for fifteen years. Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Florida, and Mississippi College with a double major in history and Bible and a Master's degree in social sciences.

He is married to the former Jacqueline Horton from Thomaston, Georgia and they are the parents of two children, David, a student at Hinds Jr. College and a daughter, Mrs. August I. DeRosa, Lubbock, Texas.

Before coming to Calvary, he was pastor of Tinsley Church, Yazoo County. During his ministry at Tinsley there were 52 additions to the church, 26 by baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett live at 406 N. Monroe, Yazoo City, Ms. 39194.

Arkabutla Church

Dedicates Organ

On March 24 at 7 p.m., Arkabutla Church held a dedication service for their new organ. Joe Holloway from Bartlett Church in Memphis presented the organ recital.

The new organ is Rodgers James-town 100. Rev. Jimmy Carr is the pastor and Jimmy D. Smith is the minister of music.

Providence Expands Church Facilities

Providence Church, Itawamba County, under leadership of Pastor Bob Massey, is expanding their church facilities.

Charles Stone, Chairman of the Building Committee, said, "It is urgent that we start expansion immediately to meet the needs of our increasing congregation."

The remodeling and expansion will start within the next week if weather permits.

Associational Music Leadership Training Sessions Planned

Three area Associational Training Sessions are scheduled for April 29, First Church, Oxford; April 30, First Church, Durant; and May 2, Collins Church, Collins. All of these sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

Clifford Holcomb, pictured, formerly associational music consultant with the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead in these sessions for associational music leaders, as well as church music leaders. Training helps, new ideas in associational work, associational music libraries and other helps will be a part of these events.

Travel expenses and meals will be reimbursed. Circle the date and location nearest you, and make your plans to attend.

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Names In The News

Rev. Ronnie Hague has recently entered the field of music evangelism and is now available for revivals, concerts, banquets, rallies, etc. A speaker as well as a singer, he combines the two into a concert, working with taped accompaniment. During evangelistic meetings he majors on outreach and personal evangelism. Mr. Hague was for four years minister of music and youth at First Church, Bay St. Louis, where he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1972. He has served on the steering committee as youth chairman of the 1973 Gulf Coast James Robison Crusade, was named to the 1973 Outstanding Young Men of America for his work with youth, and has received other recognition in his field of service. He may be contacted through his home church: First Baptist Church, P. O. Drawer 70, Gulfport, Miss. 39501 or: Rev. Ronnie Hague, No. 52 Louisville Apts., Bay St. Louis, Miss. 39520.



William Carey College senior, John H. Beary of Lucedale, has been notified of his acceptance into the freshman class of the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson. He will be entering in September of this year to begin his medical studies. The son of Mrs. George L. Beary of Rocky Creek, John is a 1971 graduate of George County High School.



June Merri Higginbottom presented a piano recital April 10, at 4:30 p.m. in the Whitfield Faculty Parlor at Blue Mountain College.



Jeanette Camp was presented in organ-piano recital on Monday evening, April 8, in the recital hall of the Lott Fine Arts Building, Clarke College. Jeanette, sophomore from Grand Bay, Alabama, is the daughter of Mrs. L. G. Camp and the late Rev. L. G. Camp, an alumnus of Clarke College who died in an automobile accident, Dec. 1966. Mr. Camp's family and the church of which he was pastor established the L. G. Camp, Jr., Scholarship at Clarke in his memory.

Dr. E. Leslie Knight, head of the Science Division at Blue Mountain College, was elected Chairman of the Science Education Division of the Mississippi Academy of Sciences for the '74-75 academic year at the 38th annual meeting of the academy held on the coast.

Sandy Strickland will present her senior organ recital on April 16, in the Lowrey Memorial Church (Blue Mountain), according to an announcement made by Blue Mountain officials. Miss Strickland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Strickland of Baldwin. She will receive a Bachelor of Music degree from BMC in May.

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Revival Dates

New Elbethel, Oxford (Lafayette): April 14-19; Rev. Regie Hanberry of Larose, La., evangelist; services morning and evening; Rev. Abbie Thibodeaux, pastor.

Pineview, Moss Point: April 15-21; 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. James L. Yates, pastor, Bellevue Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Hubert Greer, minister of music, First Church, Piquette, singer; Rev. Russell Naron, pastor.

Locust Street, McComb: April 14-21; Rev. John D. Hedgepeth, pastor of Terry's Creek Church, Magnolia, evangelist; Leon Dunn, minister of music and youth at Carmel Church, Meridian, singer; services at 7:15 p.m.; high attendance goal for the 21st Sunday School 180; Church Training 112; Rev. Robert Dunn, pastor.

Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs: April 10-14; Eternal Heirs, Singers-Evangelists; Rev. Ralph Kelly, pastor.

East Fork Church, Smithdale: youth revival; April 18-21; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Donald Dick, Baptist Student director, Southwest Jr. College, Summit, evangelist; Clay Campbell, student at University of Southern Miss., Hattiesburg, singer; Rev. George Bowers, pastor; "Old Fashioned Day" April 21. (East Fork was organized in 1810, and people will wear the type clothing of that era); "Dinner on the Grounds" April 21.

Broadmoor, Jackson: April 14-21; services at 7:30 p.m.; noon luncheon service Mon-Fri.; Dr. John Barnes, Main Street, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, musicians; Dr. David Grant, pastor.

Parkway Church, Jackson: April 14-21; Sunday services 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., and week night services at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; Eddie Martin, evangelist; Miss Lela Mayfield, singer and ventriloquist; Dr. Bill Causey, pastor.

Easthaven, Brookhaven: Easter Week - End Revival; April 12 - 14; Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor, preaching; Mike Burt, youth and music director, in charge of music; Steve Huey, Mrs. Joe Waggoner and Jim Turner to assist with special music; Easter morning sunrise service in front of sanctuary.

Oakvale Church: April 14-19; Rev. J. W. Baker, Crooked Creek, evangelist; services at 9 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Clayton Mason, pastor.

First Church, Grenada: April 14-21; Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, evangelist; Charles Crocker, minister of music, First Church, Asheville, N.C.; singer; Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; fellowship breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Roundaway Church (Sunflower): April 17, 7:30 p.m., Rev. "Scooter" Spears, pastor of Bogue Church, Leland, bringing the message, music brought by FACT, a singing group from the Miss. Delta Jr. College BSU. Thursday night, April 18, through Saturday night, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Rev. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leland, bringing the messages, with Tommy Howard, minister of music, First Church, Leland, leading music; Rev. Howard Quinley, pastor.

First Church, Ellisville: April 21 - 28; services daily at 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Dale Palmer, associate pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, evangelist; Floyd Grice, minister of music, Magnolia Street, Laurel, music director; Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor.

First, Sumrall: April 21-28; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Don Nerren, pastor, evangelist; Ken Russell, in charge of music; Mrs. Janice Russell, organist; Karen Daniel, pianist.

MANGLARALTO, Ecuador - The Manglaralto Baptist Camp here, constructed in 1969, has already outgrown its facilities. Missionary press representative Stanley D. Stamps reports that 230 persons, including children, teenagers and women's Missionary Union members, participated in camp programs during February.

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Easter, Day Of Hope: The Covenant And The Resurrection

By Clifton J. Allen
Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:1-8;
Deuteronomy 26:5-9; Acts 11:19-26;
13 to 14

The religion of Israel was a covenant faith. In God's call to Abraham he promised that through Abraham all the nations of the earth would be blessed. The idea of the covenant, which is central in the Old Testament, was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. It was confirmed by his resurrection from

the dead. Therefore, God's intention of blessing for all mankind meant that the gospel of Christ was universal in purpose and in power. Luke's story in the book of Acts on how the church grew shows how the gospel advanced from Jews to Samaritans to God-fearers to pure Gentiles. Antioch in Syria became the new base for world missions. Barnabas and Saul were called to be the pioneers in the thrust of the Christian witness

among the Gentiles.

The Lesson Explained
THE SAVING ACTS OF GOD IN ISRAEL (vv. 16-23)

Sent forth by the church in Antioch, but under the definite call of the Holy Spirit, Barnabas and Saul launched out on a bold new venture. They went first to Cyprus — here Saul began to be called Paul and definitely became the leader — but their goal was Asia Minor. Leaving Cyprus, they

stopped at Perga, where John Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem, and then they pressed on to Antioch of Pisidia, a Roman colony in the province of Galatia. Paul accepted the invitation of the leaders of the synagogue service to speak. His address or sermon concentrated on the saving acts of God in dealing with Israel: the deliverance from bondage in Egypt, judgment and long suffering patience during the forty years in the wilderness, overcoming the nations in Canaan to give the land to the children of Israel, raising up judges for leadership during a long period of

Jimmy if you'll ride herd on my Bill-dad. He must be bout five by now the right age for kindergarten down here. So you see him, and tell him his pop said that you were to look after him. And when he goes to school if he gets any D's on his report card, you can give him what for!

Molly was laughing and crying at the same time. 'Lee, it is a bargain. You make it seem so... so everyday. Funny, everyone has to die, but you never expect it to happen to you.'

Then Lee's voice was soft as he said, 'What people forget, Molly, is that we're living in eternity right now. The Lord holds the past, the present, and the future — and all families, wherever they are — together, are safe in his hands. When you believe that, you can go on.'

disunity and confusion, and raising up Saul of the tribe of Benjamin to rule the nation. He then raised up David to be their king, whom God found to be "a man after mine own heart." This opened the way for Paul to declare that God from the posterity of David, in keeping with his covenant with David, raised up a Savior, even Jesus.

THE SAVING ACTS OF GOD IN CHRIST (vv. 26-31)

Paul now made his direct appeal to his hearers in the synagogue, including both Jews and the God-fearers. The message of salvation had come in Jesus. Jesus had revealed his oneness with the Father and the nature of his redemptive mission. But the rulers in Jerusalem did not recognize him as the fulfillment of the utterances of the prophets, nor did they believe in him as the Son of God and their Messiah. They sought his death though Jesus had done nothing worthy of death.

When hate and unbelief and enmity had done their worst in effecting Jesus' crucifixion, and when all had been fulfilled that was written in the prophets about him, he was taken from the cross and buried. But God raised him up from the dead. His claim that he was the Son of God and his willingness to be a vicarious sacrifice for sins were vindicated by his triumph over death. For many days he appeared after his resurrection to his followers to confirm the reality of

his resurrection and to anchor them in their faith and thus become heralds of the salvation of Christ. Paul was preaching the good news of salvation, which rested on all that God had done in and through Christ in the relation of grace and truth, in the achievement of righteousness and redemption.

SALVATION THROUGH THE LIVING LORD

In the verses following our lesson text, Paul put repeated emphasis on the fact and meaning of Jesus' resurrection. Referring to quotations from Psalm 2, Isaiah 55, and Psalm 16, Paul supported his affirmation of the resurrection of Christ. Unlike David, who died and saw corruption, Jesus died and was raised up. Death could not hold him. Therefore, through him Paul could proclaim the forgiveness of sins and justification in the sight of God. The people in the synagogue urged Paul and Barnabas to return the next sabbath, and they in turn urged those who had believed in the gospel to continue in God's grace.

The remaining part of chapter 13 and chapter 14 as well as a further report of the experiences of Paul and Barnabas as they proclaimed the gospel in the cities of Asia Minor. God's eternal purpose of grace led to his covenant purpose in the people of Israel. It came to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. The law had been weak through the weakness of the flesh, but now the redemption of Christ made possible the forgiveness of sins through riches of grace and not by works of righteousness lest anyone should boast.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

He Is Risen! Jesus Christ Is Alive!

Mark 15: 42-16: 7
By Bill Duncan

Some things are said to be too good to be true. This must have been the way the disciples felt when they began to hear the reports that "Jesus Christ is alive." It is amazing that three different accounts were given to the disciples before Jesus appeared to convince the eleven that He was alive.

One of the most intriguing facets of the account of the resurrection is that the narrators are perfectly honest in their admission that the disciples did not expect the event which had happened and bluntly refused to believe the "delirious reports" until they had seen for themselves. We have been unjustly too hard on Thomas because of his honest doubt. According to Mark's Gospel, he did not demand any more than the other ten. Not one of the disciples believed until he had seen the Lord.

When the evidence was in, there was not the faintest trace of a doubt among the excited disciples. This was not something they had heard but what they had witnessed.

There have been many efforts to weaken the doctrine of the literal resurrection of Christ. Some have speculated that Jesus had a substitute, possibly Simon of Cyrene, that died while Jesus slipped away. Some have claimed that Jesus was removed from the cross in a swoon and revived in the cool sepulchre. The oldest attempt at falsifying the report was made by the Jews themselves who bribed the soldiers on guard at the tomb to say that the disciples stole the body while they slept. Some have argued that Mary and the disciples only thought they saw the Master; that the grief born of love generated the subjective visions. Finally some insist that the Resurrection was purely a spiritual event and that the visions were "telegrams from heaven" induced by God.

But all of this is the rationalization of man who does not want to accept the report of the New Testament account of eyewitnesses.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the one fact of history best established by cumulative evidence. The Gospel writers have given us specific incidents that will help us believe in the resurrection and understand it.

A person must be ready to learn something before he can learn. For those of us who accept the resurrection, we know the reliability of the scripture and the power of Jesus in our life; therefore we easily accept anything that can be supported by the Word and our experience with Him.

The Church of Jesus Christ is built on the resurrection. Incarnation, ministry, atonement, resurrection, ascension and the second coming are all the mighty acts of God's divine redemption. If there can be one of these that is considered as the pivot, it would be the resurrection.

What are some of the consequences of the resurrection? (1) The church triumphant is a monument to the resurrection. Something happened on the first Easter which kept the church alive in the world as a supreme power for good. No myth could have accomplished that, only an event and a reality. (2) The Lord's Day has emerged as the day for Christians to gather to worship the risen Christ. (3) The death of death was accomplished by the resurrection. Death is that dark malady which casts its shadow over the bright joys of life. By the resurrection Jesus became the first fruits of them that slept and destroyed the sting of death. (4) The fact that Jesus Christ is alive means the end of cynicism and defeat for the believing Christian, while it makes life a sacred trust and magnificent adventure.

The resurrection helps us to believe in Jesus Christ. By the resurrection Jesus Christ becomes a living presence; not someone we discuss, but someone whom we meet. This means that the Christian life is not the life of the man who knows about Jesus, but of the man who knows Jesus.

There is a continuing quality of life about the Christian faith. The story of the resurrection cannot be held to one's self. The angel told Mary and the others "Go and tell." The disciples needed to know that life continues. "The most precious thing about Jesus is that He trusts us on the field of our defeat." Jesus told those who had fallen in despair, "Go and tell the whole world."

This life always ends at the grave. But the grave is the link between us

and Jesus. His life came to an apparent end at the grave. It is His grave that makes us know he is our brother. But what happened in the grave makes us know he is our Savior. Death died in the grave and hope was born there.

"Grace Nies Fletcher in her book *In My Father's House* tells of her minister father in New England a generation ago. One afternoon the doorbell rang and the parson, whom everybody called by his first name, answered. It was Molly Stark. 'Lee, I've got to talk with you, she said. 'I'm going to die.'

'Well, we all are, Molly,' Lee replied. 'Come in and sit down and re-

lax.' So Lee talked with her calmly as she collected herself. The doctor had just told her she had about four months left, if she were lucky.

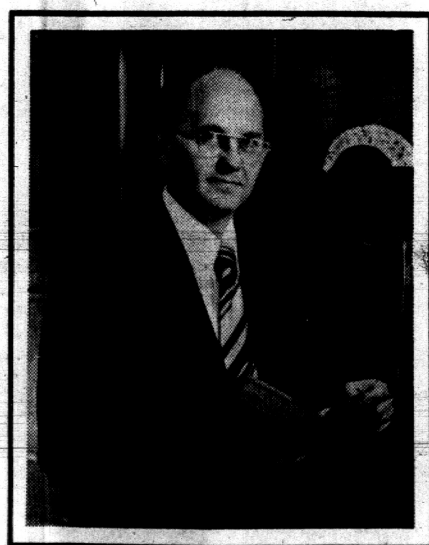
After a while she said, 'Lee, you're wonderful. But you see, I don't mind so much for myself: it's Jimmy. I can't leave Jimmy. He was her ten-year-old son who sang in the Junior choir. 'He's so young,' she continued. 'His father's a good man, but has never quite grown up. I'm worried.'

Lee didn't answer immediately. His thoughts returned to his own little son, Bildad, who had died as an infant about five years previously.

Finally he said, 'Molly, I'll make a bargain with you. I'll look after your

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW Five Major Annuity Board Concerns for 1974

by Darold H. Morgan
President



1. Open Communication. Your response to our recent YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW series frankly overwhelmed us. We appreciated the many responses.

I want this to be an open line of communication between you and me. This is the why of a new series.

2. Flexible Investment Policy. In many areas at the Annuity Board, 1973 was a very good year. But it was a difficult year in investments. Anyone who hears or reads the news knows how the stock prices dropped. However, we have confidence that the market will make a turn. We had about 50 per cent of our funds in fixed investments and about 50 per cent in stocks. Our trustees just approved a new concept of land equity loans. This provides a more flexible investment policy.

Our investments are being managed as well as the human mind can do. With God's grace, our efforts are to provide more income for annuitants, now, and, ultimately, more for those who will be annuitants.

3. Increases for Members and Annuitants. Our goal is to continue increasing benefits for both active and retired members. All money remaining in the annuitant reserve

fund at year's end is paid equitably to retired persons in the 13th Check. The 13th Check for 1973 was 16.67% of the annual retirement benefit. Active members received Good Experience Credit, amounting to four per cent of accrued credits as of January 1, 1974. I don't know any other way to be more equitable. Our major concern always is to provide larger benefits for all.

4. Economical Administration. Any pension fund that operates at one per cent of investment assets is doing a good job. In 1973, our

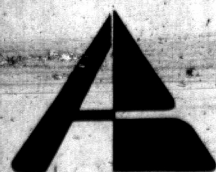
cost was less than .8 of one per cent. We're proud of this record.

Barring greater inroads of inflation, we believe we can manage our fund when it reaches \$1 billion with about the same size staff as we have now. In fact, we have three employees less than we did last year. We do our best to keep all expenses down.

5. Reaching Baptist Laymen. Without a doubt, our number one problem is how to reach the laymen with our programs of retirement and insurance. Every pastor and church staff member needs this protection. We still have many churches to reach for the first time. And most of our pastors are in Plan A only. Each needs a minimum of 10 per cent of his total compensation in the retirement program if he is to retire with dignity and independence. Our primary concern is finding ways to tell laymen of this work. May I appeal again to each lay person to see if his church provides its staff with 10 per cent salary participation in retirement benefits.

More will be said next time about other areas of concern. Meanwhile, if you have any questions about the Annuity Board, write me. I'll see that you get an answer as quickly as possible.

SERVING THOSE
WHO SERVE
THE LORD



Mission To Indians Fulfills The Martins

By Marie Hemphill

Many Americans may complain about shortages, high taxes or bureaucratic infringement of their liberties, but not Dr. and Mrs. Tom Martin of Indianola. They returned last week from two weeks of dental-mission work in the primitive San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama with a keener appreciation of the comforts, luxuries and privileges of home.

The Martins paid their own expenses, donated a quantity of dental supplies, equipment, and food, and used time that could have been spent on a relaxing vacation trip. Yet they modestly disclaim any praise for their generosity and work.

"It was just something I've always wanted to do," Dr. Martin said, "and we enjoyed it. It gave us a good feeling to be able to help these needy Indians, and yet it was frustrating that we couldn't do more in this short time."

The Martins traveled by commercial flight to Panama and then flew in a small plane over the jungle and a quarter mile strip of the Atlantic to the island of Aligandi.

"It was frightening to think we'd probably never be found if we crashed into that dense tropical growth," Mrs. Martin commented. "But it was great to see the familiar faces of Donnie and Nylene Hendon among all those strange Cuna Indians when we arrived. The Hendons have spent the past year there in agricultural mission work, and the natives love them."

Dr. Martin described Aligandi as having a total area of 11 acres and 2000 people living in thatched huts with dirt floors. They, themselves, stayed in a small concrete block building, containing five rooms and a bath and rather loosely called a "hotel."

The only other such structures on the island were the church, the school, the Hendons' house, and the 80-bed hospital, many of these "beds" being mere mattresses on the floor.

Thanks to Dr. Carter Dobbs of Calhoun City, who has done considerable missionary work here, and a retired engineer friend, a simple water system has been installed, and Aligandi is the only one of the 360 San Blas Islands boasting running water. Its meager electrical power is provided by small generators.

"We were called before the chief and the governmental council, or 'congress' and honored by a special wel-

come," Dr. Martin reported. "Incidentally, the chief's name is Franklin Delano Roosevelt. However, the leading citizen is very definitely Dr. Daniel Gruver, the Albert Schweitzer of San Blas who is considered a miracle worker by the Indians."

"He is really fantastic, treating any and every disease and performing whatever surgery is necessary, from amputations and appendectomies to plastic surgery and skin grafts. He even pulls and fills teeth, although he never spent a day in dental school. One young Indian is using an artificial leg the ingenious doctor made of irrigation pipe and dental acrylic."

Dr. Martin found plenty of dental problems, largely because of lack of care and the deficiency of protein and calcium. Their diet consists mainly of plantains (a type of banana), rice, and a barley food with only occasional meat from a wild hog or deer, and fish.

"I kept no record of numbers, but

I worked from 10-12 hours every day," he said. "In the mobile dental unit, pulling and filling teeth and making a few partial plates. One day was spent in the heart of the jungle where women go topless and men wear only a sort of g-string and where no other dentist had ever been. I worked as hard as I could every available minute, but there were at least 50 people I couldn't wait on when the pilot said we just had to go."

Mrs. Martin, too, did her bit, giving flouride treatments and showing the children how to brush properly.

"I worked in the feeding room where the Hendons have been providing three meals a day for from 350-500 children," she said. "This has been a tremendous project which they have managed for about \$85 a month. Here each child's toothbrush, sent by Dr. Dobbs, was attached by number to a peg on the wall so that regular brushing was insured."

An unforgettable experience for the Indianola couple was a church service with an interpreter on hand to pass on the gist of the sermon.

"Both the sermon and the music

were loud and enthusiastic, and the minister was really lambasting his congregation for drinking too much home brew, which they call chi-cha."

The Martins were particularly impressed by the attitude of the natives. "They were the friendliest people we ever saw. Although they have so few of the things we think are so necessary, they are always happy and smiling."

Dr. Martin hopes he can interest other dentists in giving a week or two to this missionary project. And he feels he'll probably be going back himself sometimes to repeat this very worthwhile undertaking. — The Enterprise — Tocsin (Indianola.)

TANGIER, Morocco — America mothers may complain about too many children in school at once, but Southern Baptist missionary mother Mrs. Merrel E. Callaway has voluntarily taken in more than her own. The Callaways now have "twins plus two" with the addition of two Moroccan girls, Miriam and Leila, to their household. The Moroccan girls live with the Callaways and attend school with the Callaways' twin daughters, Margaret and Martha, age 14.

Pictured from right to left: Floyd Johnson, Sunday school director; Mrs. R. O. Moore, Church Training director; Ralph Minchew, who designed and erected the sign; and Rev. Lee Hudson, pastor.

First Church, Louise, Is Growing

A television show several weeks ago, one of the Religion in America series on ETV, showed the town of Louise and emphasized the happiness that black Baptists in the town have found in their religion.

There is much enthusiasm also among the people of the First Baptist Church of Louise because the church is experiencing growth. "God is blessing this church in a small delta town between Yazoo City and Belzoni," says one of the members.

Six months ago, Rev. Lee Hudson moved from the Carrollton Church to Louise. His pastorate began the first Sunday in the new church year. The

Sunday school attendance for that day was 37. The church launched a Sunday school enlargement campaign.

On March 10 the spring revival began with Rev. Louis Barmer preaching and Kenneth Turner directing the music. A goal of 100 was set for Sunday school. There were 121 present, a record for the history of the church. The average attendance for the remainder of the month was 87, 50 more than the first Sunday in the church year.

Church Training is growing and more and more people see the need of training. Of between fifteen and twenty additions, at least a dozen have been for baptism. The people of the church are visiting and witnessing and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

Recently, the church erected a new sign. This was a follow-up to a new educational unit built recently.

BRAZILIA, Brazil — Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, were featured speakers at the first National Congress for Brazilian Baptist Laymen held at Memorial Baptist Church here recently. Speaking to the 500 men representing 16 of Brazil's 22 states, Cooper urged them to open their country for Christ just as their government has opened the country for progress, according to Bill H. Icher, missionary to Brazil. McCullough emphasized that God can use imperfect men to evangelize Brazil.

Rev. Sam Barfoot

Dies At 69

Rev. Samuel "Sam" Thomas Barfoot, Jr., 69, died March 27 at the Franklin County Memorial Hospital in Meadville. Services were March 29, at Damascus Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Mr. Barfoot had been pastor of the Pleasant Valley Church in Franklin County for eight years. Before that he pastored churches in Mississippi and Louisiana.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Estelle Griffing Barfoot, Brookhaven; two sons, Thomas Barfoot, Brookhaven, and Howard Barfoot, of Natchez; one daughter, Mrs. Willie Nell White, Oak Grove, La.; three brothers, two sisters, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Youth Vocal And Choral Camp To Be At Carey

Exciting musical and spiritual experiences are being planned for the Youth Vocal & Choral Camp, William Carey College, July 8-12, for youth in grades seven and up.

Elwyn Raymer, with Buryl Red Productions and choral clinician for the event, will introduce music from three new collections just off the press, "Let the World Sing," "Heavenly Sunlight," and "Family of God."

A special choral group for the week will be selected from senior high participants by audition after arrival. Mr. Raymer will also direct this music group.

An instrumental group will be directed by Alan Celoria, minister of music, Temple Baptist, Hattiesburg, made up of participants who qualify to perform in this special group.

Directed recreation and fellowships will be led by Wayne Barber, youth director, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven. Other additional faculty will be Dr. Donald Winters, dean, School of Music, William Carey, Dr. Don Stewart, professor, William Carey, and in-state ministers of music.

The cost for the week will be \$35.00, \$10 of which will be registration fee, to be sent in with registration. These should be mailed to Dr. Donald Winters, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401.

Andrew Chandler Dies In Louisiana

Dr. Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, has written the following in "These Days In Louisiana," his column in the Louisiana state Baptist paper:

"A sad report came in the passing of seminary classmate, friend, and pastor, Andrew J. Chandler, of Bossier City. While serving as pastor of Swan Lake Church, Brother Chandler was also a substitute school teacher. In the teacher lounge of the Lake-shore Junior High School he suddenly succumbed to a coronary occlusion at the age of 57. He is survived by his wife, Martha, and sons, Jesse Lee of Frierson, James Ray of Austin, Texas, and Billy Wayne of Bossier City."

"Brother Chandler has pastored churches in Mississippi and Louisiana, having organized the Sunny Hill Church at McComb, Mississippi (while pastor of Tangipahoa Church near McComb), and the Swan Lake Church which he was serving before his death."

County Line (Jones) Dedicates Remodelled And New Facilities

County Line Church, Jones County held dedication services March 22-24, for the purpose of dedicating the remodeled church facilities, and members dedicating anew their commitments to Jesus Christ. Too, numerous gifts of members were dedicated to the glory of God.

Speakers during the services were Rev. W. C. (Buddy) Burns, pastor, First, Ellisville; Rev. Billy Johnson, pastor, Wildwood, Laurel; Maurice Flowers, associational superintendent of missions, Jones County; and Rev. Marvin Dean, pastor, County Line Church. Special music was presented by the church choir, and by Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Meeks of Wildwood. Musicians were Mrs. Gerald Phillips, pianist, and Mrs. Howell Beech, organist, with the pastor leading the music.

A special dedication service was held Sunday afternoon with Rev. Maurice Flowers preaching the dedication sermon. At this time the church facilities were dedicated in loving memory of the late Mrs. Flora Creed Dumont of Birmingham, Alabama, who made the remodeling possible through her gift of love. The remodeling included paneling, suspended ceilings, stained glass windows, new doors, interior lighting, pulpit and

choir platform, central heating and air conditioning, and new cushioned pews.

Also dedicated was new pulpit furniture, in memory of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, presented by the family; a Lord's Supper service and offering plates in memory of the Richard Shows and Wiley Shows families; a new Wurliizer Electric church organ, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Lemmie Woodward and family; and one and one-half acres of land adjoining the present church property, presented by the J. C. Holliman family.

During the remodeling, carpeting was installed in the sanctuary with gifts of love by the members.

At the Sunday afternoon service, Mrs. John Mosely of Hattiesburg, a sister of Mrs. Dumont, was recognized as the guest of honor, and was presented a corsage.

The pastor states, "God has blessed our church in many wondrous ways, not just in material things, but by touching the hearts and lives of people who love this church. Naturally there's a feeling of pride in the church facilities as they now are, but there is, more importantly, a renewed feeling of love and dedication toward God, Sunday school and Training Union attendance has greatly in-

Dr. Beebe To Direct Bus Conference At Immanuel, Columbus

Dr. Wally Beebe, pictured, Marietta, Georgia, will be the featured speaker at Immanuel Church, Columbus for a one-night bus conference. The time of the meeting will be 7 p.m.



Dr. Beebe, evangelist, has been active in Christian work of various kinds embracing Youth for Christ ministry, mission work, revivals all over America, radio broadcasts, and the pastorate. He was for 1 1/2 years associate pastor to Dr. Jack Hyles of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. There he directed the bus ministry and had the world's largest Christian bus fleet. On one occasion the bus ministry under Dr. Beebe's direction reach a high of 5,000 on one Sunday!

He is the author of the book, "All About the Bus Ministry" which is published by the Sword of the Lord publishers. This has been the largest selling book on the bus ministry.

He is also editor of the Church Bus News, a monthly publication for bus ministries.

Dr. Jerry E. File is the Immanuel pastor.

New Book Designed To Help Churches Going Into Debt

ATLANTA, Ga. — A Southern Baptist loan officer has written a new book aimed at helping churches apply more expertise to the old practice of going into debt.

How Much a Debtor, published by the Home Mission Board is now available at Baptist Book Stores for \$2.50.

The 110-page book, written by Robert H. Kilgore, director of the HMB's Division of Church Loans, outlines areas where loans for church construction can be obtained, how to approach lending institutions, how to use architects, various legal documents, and general procedures of finance and evaluation of church programs to aid church stability during the finance period.

created, offerings are growing, and capacity crowds were in attendance at each of the special services. Perhaps this could be stated best in the words of a song the choir sang at the dedication service — "There's A sweet, sweet Spirit in this place."

Off The Record

When the agent paid Mrs. Stone the amount of insurance her husband had carried, he asked her to take out a policy on her own life. She said: "I believe I will since my husband had such good luck." — Southern Wings

A couple of carpenters in Bangor, Maine got into an argument. One asked the other why he threw away just about every other nail. "Half these nails are pointed the wrong way," he replied. Said his partner, "Can't you see they're for the other end of the house?" — Funny Funny World.

An efficiency expert went in to see the boss about a vacation and came out with a sad expression on his face.

Asked what was wrong he said, "I get only a week. The boss says I'm so efficient that I can have as much fun in one week as other people have in two."

At the suggestion box, the boss said: "I wish employees would be more specific. What kind of kite? What lake?"

When it was time for three-year-old Sheila's booster shot, her Mother took her to the Health Department without telling her where they were going. There was no waiting line; and before Sheila realized what was happening, the nurse had injected her. In the hall her Mother said, "You sure were a big girl. You didn't even cry."

"Well, I was going to cry," Sheila said indignantly, "but that nurse didn't give me time."

— Mrs. Louise Smith, Columbus, Miss.

Two voters were standing in line at the polls and discussing the issues of the day. They disagreed heatedly on practically every topic. "Anyway," concluded one, "there's nothing wrong with a good political joke."

"Yeah," said the other man, "as long as it doesn't get elected." — True

"She's like the Kolloutek Comet. Not so bright."

Ralph Nader's been hired by the California Earthquake Commission. He's good at finding faults.



Tea Honors Ladies, "80 And Above"

The ladies 80 years of age and above were recently honored by the WMU ladies with a Seated Tea at First Church, Durant. Mrs. W. C. Landrum, president, welcomed the ladies and presented each with a red carnation. Those unable to attend were taken single long-stemmed carnations. A devotional was given by the pastor, Rev. Ed McDaniel. Mrs. J. O. Ritter being the oldest, 91 was presented a "keep sake" from the GA girls. Left to right: Mrs. Annie St. Clair, Mrs. Eula Millwood, Mrs. J. J. Smith, Mrs. Hattie Rodgers, and Mrs. Ritter.

Pastor At Shiloh

Rev. J. W. Thompson is the new pastor of Shiloh Church at Valden. He is pictured above with his wife, Shirley, and children, James, Barbara, and Ricky. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at Valley Hill Church, Greenwood, with Rev. George Jones, pastor, and Rev. Lavon Hatten, associational missionary, in charge of the service.



First, Newton Honors Organist

Mrs. Roy Baker was honored by First Church, Newton in recognition of fifty years of service as church organist. On Sunday evening, March 31, Rev. Hardy R. Denham, Jr., pastor, read a resolution commending Mrs. Baker and presented her with a watch as a token of the church's esteem and appreciation. A reception was held in Mrs. Baker's honor following the worship service. Left to right: Roy Baker, business administrator; Mrs. Baker, organist; and the pastor.

The Canadian pulp and paper industry has spent about \$200 million and needs to spend about \$750 million more for water pollution abatement. This amounts to \$4 per ton of product, according to H. David Paavola, environmental services director, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. Air pollution will cost the mills another \$10 million, he estimates.